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Bernard Baril, chairman of the board, and David Schleich, vice-president academic, cut the 25th anniversary cake at Niagara's Open House.

Photo by Tanya Hvilivitzky

Niagara College opens its doors to another successful Open House

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Highlighting the 25th anniversary and information on its future direction, Niagara College opened its doors to the community April 5 with exciting activities and demonstrations.

Celebrate Niagara was the title of the Open House. Students and a baker from the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls presented a cake which took a week to make. A sugar base Niagara College logo sat on the top of the cake with the inscription, 1967 to 1992, 25 years of excellence.

It was formally cut at 2 p.m. by Bernard Baril, chairman of the board, and David Schleich, vice-president academics.

John Saso, college president, who missed the cake cutting, said later, "There's a lot of enthusiasm from the students and staff and that's what makes an Open House work." He said he was pleased with the number of students involved in the activities and demonstrations.

Nursing students from the Mack School of Nursing in St. Catharines gave free blood pressure checks.

Dick Reuter, mayor of Welland, had his blood pressure checked by a student and it was a little high, 140/90. He said he and his wife enjoyed themselves at a performance by Genesis II Color Guard.

Other people enjoyed the sounds of the Sunburst Steel Drum Band from St. Catharines and free motorcycle rides in Parking Lot D organized by the Continuing Education Department.

For children, there were face painting and crafts. T. J. the Clown made objects out of balloons.

At the After Hours Student Activity Centre refreshments were offered at special prices.

The Open House was an opportunity for people to visit the campus and find out more about the college, Mr. Saso said.

Two in running for SAC presidency

Two candidates are counting on Niagara's student body to elect one of them to the office of Student Administrative Council president, Thursday, April 16.

Rob Burwash, a first-year Business Administration student, said he has never held office before, but was heavily involved in campus politics at Carleton University in Ottawa. He said he thinks the biggest problem at SAC is its lack of self-control.

"I would like to see SAC operate a little more independently. I would think students are a little more in tune with what students want," Rob said, but he is quick to point out that any control by students would have to be limited.

Dale Deloughery, a second-year Human Relations student is a veteran on the Niagara College political scene. SAC's vice-president external, he held SAC's vice-president internal post prior to that.

Dale asks students to vote and voice their opinions. "Once you do you won't have anything to complain about next year."

Dale cites his experience on SAC as an asset. He said if someone with no previous SAC experience gets elected to the position of president, the person would be at a disadvantage. "They don't know the ins and outs of SAC."

Rob and Dale may be political opponents; however, they do agree on some things. Both men think voter turnouts at Board of Governors and SAC elections need to be improved. They would like to see more students participating in SAC sponsored events.

Rob wants to give students something more to participate in. He would like to see some bigger names bands come to the college. He heard how successful David Wilcox was last year, and he wants to see more events of that type. "Every week we seem to have small performers. I would like to see some larger performers like that (Wilcox)."

Both men's platforms were to have been heard when candidates addressed the student body in the Hamilton Room yesterday.

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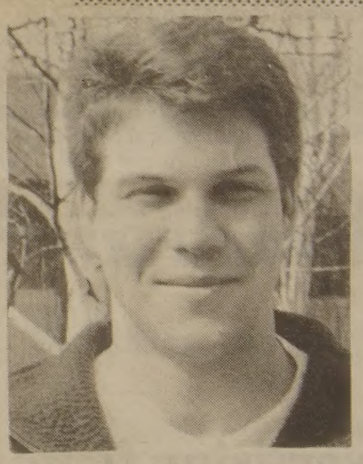

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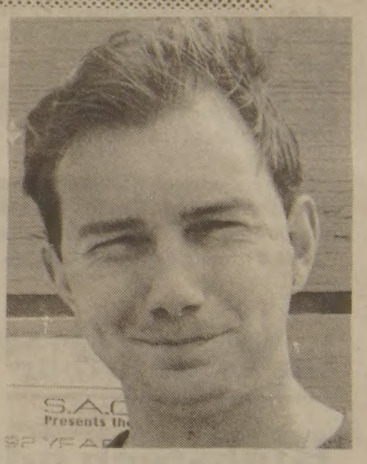

DALE DELOUGHERY

Hockey Knights

May move to new league or face possible suspension

By PETER KOZELA
Staff Writer

By the time the puck drops for the 1992-93 college hockey season, the face of college hockey will be entirely different.

The International Collegiate Hockey League has, for all intents and purposes, ceased to exist. The ICHL consists of four American teams, Penn State, Buffalo State, University of Buffalo, Erie Community College and two Canadian teams, Conestoga in Kitchener and Niagara College. Penn State and Erie pulled out because of financial difficulties, and Erie Community College has no leadership or direction. UB is expected to move to another division next year.

"We have two choices as to what we can do next year" Knights coach Fred Bassi said. "We can move to the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association, in either Division I or II. Moving to Division I would be better economically, but from a competitive standpoint Division II would be better even though most of the teams are from Northern Ontario."

If the OCAA does not accept Niagara next year, Mr. Bassi has not ruled out the possibility of suspending the program next year. Niagara College has iced a hockey team for 25 years. Niagara has played in the ICHL for 14 years.

The decision on where Niagara will be playing in 1992-93 is expected at an OCAA meeting this week in Timmins. Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of the athletic department will represent Niagara at the meeting.

Hockey has been the most popular of the men's sports at Niagara College for 25 years. The Knights have been averaging 100 fans a game at the Welland Arena this year. An average of about 70 men try out for the team each year.

Sign of the times

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

Students from Niagara College, Brock University, and surrounding high schools lined up for hours, some for days, to get an interview for summer employment at Marineland in Niagara Falls.

Interviews took place March 16-20. Students who took the day off school on Monday were told to come back Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. Friday morning the same faces were still waiting for that five-minute interview.

Those lucky enough to get past the front gate and into the Marineland cafeteria were given a five-minute interview with the supervisor. Of 3,000 applicants only a few hundred will begin work in the summer months. The last date to be notified for a further interview was March 31.

So for many jobless students, the search continues...

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Head Librarian, Trish Labonte receives a puzzle made and donated by Leon Lowry in appreciation for the college.
Photo by Tanya Hvilivitzky

Leon's puzzles show great appreciation

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

"I would like to be a goodwill ambassador because I get a good feeling when I give things to people," Leon Lowry said after he donated a puzzle in appreciation of the college April 7.

Citadel is a 500-piece, round jigsaw puzzle of a castle in the mountains in purple and blue hues. Leon made it and had it framed himself. He gave it to the college in general "to be hung up wherever they find space for it."

Leon has already donated a puzzle to the Student Centre. He said he donated both puzzles because he has a great respect for what the college stands for goodness within the community.

While he was a student at the college to complete Grade 12, the college helped him acquire a lot of self respect, Leon said. "Everybody knows me on a first name basis. It feels good when I go to the mall and people from the college talk to me and ask me when I'm coming back."

Leon may be found selling raffle tickets beside the bookstore raising funds for Tangay Place, a home for the physically handicapped. He has cerebral palsy and has lived at the home since Jan. 14,1988.

He is making another puzzle and raffling it off. The money will go towards the home.

Only five in Ontario

A $100 reward is offered to anyone with information leading to the return of a missing Labatt's Lite jacket.

The jacket, one of only five in Ontario, went missing from L2, Lundy Wing, between 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 27.

The jacket is made of Dermofle Consol Tech by Jones of Vancouver. The body of the jacket is white, pink and blue and displays the Labatt's Lite polar bear logo, as does the pink collar.

Anyone with information may call Ed Neal, the jacket owner, at 416-735-3258. Leave a message on the answering machine and the call will be returned.

On Toronto tour

High-tech advertising firm shows students new ideas

By DUNCAN WARRENER
Staff Writer

Have you every seen a building that wasn't there? If you watched the last SuperBowl then you might have. Confused? Don't believe everything you see. Advertising is not always what it may seem.

Thirty-three Niagara College business students traveled to Toronto Thursday, March 26, to tour the Vickers & Benson Advertising agency and the Partners' Film Company Limited production house.

Partners' is the world's largest commercial production agency, based on the number of days of filming, Mark Irish, production supervisor, said. He went over the basics of shooting a television commercial, saying commercials can have "no mistakes" because the public watches them over and over.

Partners' produced an unusual commercial for Digital Computers for use during the SuperBowl. A computer-generated building was to be superimposed onto a view of the Toronto skyline. Partners' pulled it off and the Digital commercial was a success.

Vickers & Benson produces both radio and television commercials. They have done ads for such companies as Woolco, Beaver Lumber, and Royal Doulton. Vickers & Benson recently was edged out of the running for rights to advertise McDonald's Pizza.

Tory Wilgar, account executive for Vickers & Benson, said, "We're an idea factory." Most companies are not spending more during the recession, but are "spending more wisely."

The creative work in advertising is sent outside the agency to other sources. According to Mr. Wilgar, this is normal practice for most agencies. The students questionned Mr. Wilgar and Mr. Irish, using knowledge they gained in class.

Plan changes in RTV tours

'It's a frustrating thing."

That's how Stu Black, coordinator of the Broadcast-Radio, Television, and Film program, felt about the unenthusiastic response of several Denis Morris High School students to a special studio tour.

The tour, including a chance to view a live broadcast of Niagara Weekly, was an attempt by both schools to expose a Denis Morris Grade 12 Media English class to post-secondary opportunities at Niagara.

Fourteen students spent the morning of April 2 touring the radio and television studios with BRTVF students as guides.

The high school students were indifferent. Brian Coballero, 17, said, "I'd rather be here than in sociology." Many students made similar remarks.

Nora Quinn, Denis Morris Media English teacher, and Mr. Black agreed that the next tour should be handled differently.

Long tours, alternating with long waiting periods, may be replaced by short periodic tours through each studio, to see the work in progress.

Accounting students learn of new program

Mils Masters, certified general accountant registrar from Toronto, visited Niagara College March 24, 1992, to speak to second and third-year accounting students about the Certified General Accountants Association.

Mr. Masters said the association prepares students for a career in all accounting fields. The program, based on a broad generalist curriculum and self-study combined with practical experience, focuses on concepts of accounting theory and principle. It combines regular assignments, optional lectures, and regular examinations.

The association is organized nationally, provincially, and by chapters within each province. Its major purpose is to provide and to maintain a uniform education program of high quality.

The program runs from September 1992 to June 1993. Applications will be accepted until Aug.17, 1992.

Program calendars and application forms are available in the accounting offices in ME 111A.

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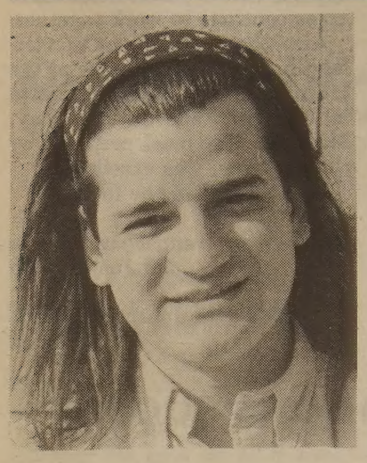

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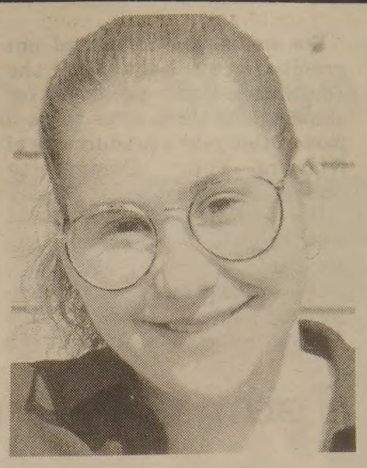


NANCY GRIMMINICK

SUE HARVEY

Easy race, easy win for three VPs elected by acclamation

Sue Harvey, a first-year Journalism-print student, will take over as Student Administrative Council executive vice-president next September, after being elected by acclamation. Two other students were also elected by acclamation.

The office of vice-president athletics will be vacant when the school year begins next September. No one ran for the position.

Nancy Grimminick,first-year business administration, will take over as vice-president internal, and Steven Berketo, first-year Radio and television broadcasting student, will become vice-president social affairs.

Sue said she looks forward to serving Niagara's students. She said she would like to see some changes around the college; however, she would not go into specifics.

"I would like to see a lot of changes. I'm not permitted to make any promises, but I would like to see SAC function for the students, not that it hasn't in the past, but I would like to see it function better."

Meanwhile, Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison, said college officials looked into the possibility of allowing the loser of the vice-president external race to slip into the athletic post; however, SAC's constitution stated a byelection would have to be held in September.

Ms. DiMattio said a student came to her office and volunteered for the post, but she refused, telling him he had ample time to submit a candidate package before the March 31 deadline.

Meanwhile, Steven Berketo said he was not surprised when he heard of his election by acclamation.

"I kind of had a feeling. Things were so dead this year at the college, I didn't think anyone was going to actually read 23 lines of information about the election coming up. I actually had this in the making in November or December."

Steven has some new ideas about the role he will play in SAC next year.

"Just because you get a band here and put it up on a poster on the wall doesn't mean people are going to come out. You have to get out there and socialize with people.

"The same people who are apathetic are always at Destiny's on Wednesdays, they're always at the Playpen on Thursdays. All you've got to do is find a formula, snag those people away from there and give them a good reason to come here."

Wanted: vp athletics, position still open

For the second year, there is no candidate for the position of vice-president athletics for the April 16 Student Administrative Council election, even by acclamation.

Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison, said a byelection will be held in September to try to fill the position.

According to Chris Smith, this year's vice-president athletics, it is because "no one gives a shit."

Mr. Smith said the vacancy is a result of a lack of pride in Niagara's varsity teams.

"Students don't care about spirit or athletics. They come here to do their time and then they want the hell out."

Mr. Smith cited attendance during the recent college hockey championship game. For the third year in a row, the Niagara Knights won the International Collegiate Hockey League championship after beating the Buffalo State Bengals last month. Attendance at the game was low.

Mr. Smith said the most successful event of the year was the 25th anniversary of hockey at Niagara College. The attendance was 150.

Mr. Smith said he is not surprised the office will remain vacant. He was a last-minute addition to SAC after the position was not filled last year.

"You might mean well, but you can't make any difference."

Meanwhile, Peter Rylander, athletic co-ordinator at Niagara, said he thinks the absence of athletic representation on the Student Administrative Council could affect the advertising of varsity sports around the college, although there will be no effect on the athletics department's budget.

Mr. Rylander said that he hopes other students on the council can "pick up the slack if no one is found to fill the position."

Mr. Rylander said the college could see a decline or stoppage of trips to Toronto Blue Jay and Buffalo Sabre games if there is no one to fill the position.

Numbers rising

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

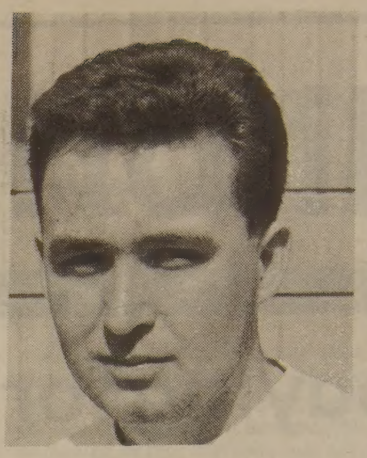
"We have a whole flood of applications to Niagara this year," said John Saso, college president."There are more applications now--with more than five months to go before the application deadline--than there was at September of last year."

"For too long this school was undersubscribed," Mr. Saso said. "Now we are focusing on ways of accommodating more students without sacrificing programs."

Programs will be set up in a module style, if they can, so that students can have lots of options.

"Students will be able to enter programs in January, or take a semester then work a semester and then take another semester, or take module one, then take module three or four, without having to have certain prerequisites." Mr. Saso said.

This module program will make it easier for the college to co-ordinate its programs to help solve the problems that it has been having with small enrolment in second and third-year programs.



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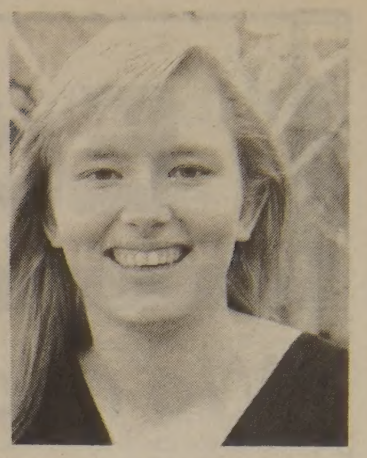

KRISTEN SORENSEN

Two running in race for vp external post

Dan Lesveque and Kristen Sorensen are vying to be elected the Student Administration Council vice-president external Thursday, April 16.

Candidates for the positions of executive vice-president, vice-president internal, and vice-president social affairs were elected by acclamation.

The only other race has Rob Burwash and Dale Deloughery running for president.

There are no candidates for the position of vice-president athletics. Lou Dimattio, SAC liaison, said a byelection will be held in September to try to fill the position.

Dan, a first-year General College Student, said he would like to improve communications between the college and the community. He said he would like to find volunteers around the school to give a couple hours a week to the Big Brother, Big Sister foundation.

"I think Big Brothers and Big Sisters are something that every child needs, and I know there are a lot of good hearted students out there."

Kirsten, a first-year Law and Security student, said she would like to hold the office because she is interested in the fund raising aspect of the job. She said she would like to sit on the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association. The association represented by two members of all 23 community colleges student councils, is a support group that deals with issues such as rape and financial problems. I just want to get involed with the school, and take a position where I can be on top of things."

Kirsten said there is a lack of spirit at the college and she will try to get students involved in SAC activities. She said she is definitely pushing students to vote in this election

Dan and Kirsten were to address the student body yesterday at noon in the Hamilton Room.

Election coverage, photos by Troy Clarke

Cast those ballots! When, where to vote

Student Administrative Council elections for president and vice-president external will be held Thursday, April 16, at the Welland Campus. The polling station will be located in the main lobby, outside the library. Students must present their student cards, or they will not be permitted to vote.

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Locations and polling time for Mack Centre, the Hospitality and Tourism Centre, and the Horticulture Centre are:

Mack for Nursing, St. Catharines,:Monday, April 13; a polling station will be located in the office of Dorothy Doyle, career counsellor. Ballots may be cast from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Hospitality and Tourism Centre, Niagara Falls,:Tuesday, April 14; a polling station will be located in the office of Dorothy Doyle, career counsellor. Ballots may be cast from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Horticulture Centre, St. Catharines: Wednesday, April 15; a polling station will be located in the office of Dominic Trimboli, career counsellor. Ballots may be cast from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m

Vandals exit empty—handed

Vandals broke the lock off a back door and gained entry into the After Hours Student Centre recently. Nothing was stolen.

Donna Flutur, Student Centre manager, said she believes the vandals used a crow bar to gain access to the building. The only other damage to the centre was a smashed light above the door.

Ms. Flutur is not sure why the vandals were unsuccessful in the apparent break-in attempt, which occurred during the last weekend of March. Muddy footprints were found just inside the door, but they stopped there.

Editorials

We're paying for perks!

We as students, taxpayers and Canadians, are footing the bill for masseurs and aerobic instructors for our parliamentarians.

Maybe they do have to stay in shape for their demanding schedules and maybe a soothing massage does help relieve the jet-lag, but should we have to pay for such luxuries?

In their book, A Capital Scandal, two Ottawa-based journalists uncover stories about kickbacks and multi-million-dollar perks to Canada's parliamentarians. They point out that MPs are exempt from the Goods and Services Tax on their generous allowance for office purchases, including constituency office rents. They are reimbursed for the seven per cent tax from a central treasury board. This is just another privilege that sets MPs apart from the rest of Canadians and increases cynicism because of this double standard.

MPs receive a basic salary of $64,000 annually, $21,300 tax-free to cover accommodations and expenses, for which they are not accountable, and $6,000 tax-free to cover much of the same, although they must produce reciepts. The tax alone on these allowances would send many well-deserving students to college or university!

Each MP and his spouse receives 64 free flights per year, plus unlimited travel on Via Rail. It is conceivable that one flight with accommodations could pay for a student's tuition for a year.

MPs also receive an annual allotment of $400 for picture framing. It's ironic that one wooden frame around a photo of a smiling MP could buy a student's books for the entire school year.

And we shouldn't forget what is spent on aesthetic repairs for Stornoway and 24 Sussex Drive. More than $938,000 has been spent on renovations and maintenance to Stornoway since 1983.
And plans to spend $5.2 million on 24 Sussex Drive between 1987 and 1997 for furnishings, landscaping and capital expenditures were released in 1986 by the Official Residence Council; however, the forecast operating budget rose to $9.8 million.

What's a few extra million anyway? — we're paying for it!

Tanya Hvilivitzky

Alienation to integration

It's sad that, after the positive examples of Jesus, Buddha and Gandhi, and the negative examples of Hitler, Stalin and Mao, modern society can act so superficially in its use of intolerance and prejudice, as though there are no long-term repercussions from such behavior.

What makes the situation sadder is that the lessons these six men taught are available to almost the whole world, and yet many choose to either ignore, or worse, deliberately misinterpret the messages.

Hitler's lesson encompassed the use of labels to identify and objectify the non-self, prejudice to bring the object to life by filling it with subjective emotion, and intolerance as a way of expressing the power of the self over the other.

Jesus' lesson was that only by transcending labels could it be seen that ultimately the other is not that different nor separate from the self. And that only through love, and acceptance of the subtle differences of each creature in this universe, could the individual realize the profound depth and richness of life.

The use of labels, prejudice and intolerance makes the self stand out and feel unrelated to the other, whereas love, overcoming labels, and acceptance of the other makes the other seem almost one with the self.

So each group may be seen as opposite ends of the relatedness spectrum, with Hitler representing alienation, and Jesus representing integration.

Society must decide which vision it wants to aspire towards because prejudice and intolerance always lead to violence, suffering and war.

Stuart Krick

Letters

Making history at Niagara

To Keith Lindberg and Media Department:

We would like to extend our gratitude on behalf of the Journalism-Print program for allowing the three of us to be a part of this year's productions of Niagara---Your Community College.

We gained a new experience which opened new possibilities in our field.

Our collaboration with broadcasting students and the media department was a first in the history of Niagara College. We hope, in future years, these three areas continue to work together.

Also, thank you for the wonderful dinner and get together at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls on Thursday, March 26. The meal, prepared by the students, was excellent.

Best of luck in the future!

Carol Anne Hunt, Diana Harris and Joel Naphin

Second-year Journalism-Print students

Team work means success

Dear Editor

On behalf of the executive of the Non-Traditional Students Association (NTSA), I would like to thank all those who showed an interest in, and supported, our organization through its infancy.

Our success in the very first year was due to the fact that, unlike many organizations, every member pitched as much as their time and responsibilities would allow. The truth is that in many cases, there were members who contributed more than the executive themselves.

Since November, we have grown from an idea to a group of approximately 60 members, and we have managed, in that time, to achieve a number of our goals. We have managed to develop socials that include entire families. We assembled a handbook and directory and set up a daycare for March Break so that parents could attend classes without disruption.

I can take little credit for these things. But I certainly would like to take this time to offer special thanks to those members who arranged them. I would like to thank each of you by name, but there are so many of you.

This year is almost over now, and the NTSA is losing some of its hardest workers (though not all) to graduation. We will miss you and your contribution. But those of us who remain will carry on to achieve the main goals of this organization: to help non-tradional students find common ground and an understanding ear, as well as provide the special services non-tradional students need.

Hopefully, the 1992-93 year will see an even stronger NTSA, with chapters on the other campuses of Niagara College. Going back to school should be a rewarding experience all around.

Tony Vandermaas,
(Co-Chair, NTSA)

Thanks to all our friends

Dear Editor:

If I may, I would like, through the medium of the Niagara News, to express the heartfelt thanks of my wife Jeanette and me to the many friends from the college who have written cards and letters to us on hearing of my medical misfortune earlier this year.

The get well wishes, personal messages and words of encouragement still arrive and have meant so much to us during this period in coping and adjusting to the effects of my unfortunate stroke.

Thank you once again, dear friends.

Peter Cridland

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Focus

Runner to go 50 on 50th

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Joe Hvilivitzky seen running a Bermuda marathon.

He puts 2,400 miles on his running shoes in a year--about the distance from Toronto to Calgary.

Running is a part of how he eats, how he thinks, how he plans his day. In many respects, Joe Hvilivitzky's life revolves around running. He gets up at 8 a.m., reads the newspaper which he works for, runs for an hour or two and leaves for work by 3:30 p.m.

But on Aug. 12, he will get up at 6 a.m., skip the newspaper and run 50 miles to mark his 50th birthday.

"It's going to be the biggest physical challenge I've ever attempted."

Joe grew up in Niagara Falls and started his career at the Niagara Falls Review as a reporter. From there, he went to the Toronto Sun and the Red Deer Advocate in Alberta. For the last five years, he has been a copy editor for the Calgary Herald.

The 50-mile route stretches from Ridgeway, along the Niagara River Parkway, finishing in Niagara-on-the-Lake. "I thought it would be symbolic to do the run in Niagara since I grew up there."

Rain or shine, Joe will start the run around 8 a.m. and he estimates it will take about eight hours to complete. His family and friends who live in the area will be his official support crew. Since dehydration is a major danger, especially in August, a vehicle with water and food will be close by.

At five-foot-seven, his athletic frame weighs in at 135 pounds. With his shoulder-length hair and silvering beard, he has been told more than once that he resembles country singer Willie Nelson, which is fine with Joe since he's also a country musician.

Joe flirted with running in the '70s, but it wasn't until five years ago when the serious goal of a marathon was set in his mind. "When I hit 45, I was beginning to get that paunch that middle-aged men get."

In June 1987 he decided it was the year he was going to run his first marathon; he kept a running log, developed training philosophies and was determined to finish. He never looked back, and, to date, Joe has finished 27 marathons. The races have taken him to places like Bermuda, Houston, Chicago, Seattle, Big Sur and Whitehorse, Yukon.

This may sound expensive. That's because it is!

"The cost of the race itself is only a $25 entry fee---it's the 400 bucks in airfaire; although, I've run up several tens of thousands of frequent flyer points."

An interesting aspect of marathons is that it's a rare sport where recreational participants, like him, can actually compete with the world's elite runners. Incidentally, Joe's best finishing time is 3:27 compared to the world's record of 2:06.5---only an hour-and-21-minute difference.

Aside from all the travelling, Joe runs six days a week where he lives in Calgary. He goes through three pairs of running shoes a year---they usually lose their spring after 700 miles. He has been frostbitten twice, pelted by hailstones and has had eggs thrown at him.

Running, for him, is not only physical, Joe says, but spiritual as well. He describes it as a feeling of well-being every day, almost like an aura around him so nothing can damage him.

The priority, he says, is so great that running is a way of life for him. "I can't think of anything short of injury or death that would make me give this up."

In training for a marathon, Joe has a 10-week process of speed work, hill work (running up and down a hill for an hour) and long distance runs which progressively increase each week. His diet consists mainly of high carbohydrates, low fat, little meat and lots of vegetables.

For his 50-mile run, the major training will start in June, with his weekly long-distance runs increasing by increments of four miles. "I think I'm in good enough physical shape to do 50 miles---I just have to train my mind to go that long."

Why would anyone celebrate his 50th birthday on a hot August day like this? Joe says it's a denial of mortality in some ways. "My body may be 50 years old chronologically, but there's a much younger person living in it."

When Joe crosses the finish line in Niagara-on-the-Lake, he is looking forward to a celebration of pizza and beer with his family and friends, many of whom still ask him why he does it all. "I want to be in good shape when I die!" is Joe's usual reply.

Tattoos are artwork that lasts lifetime

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

The smell of alcohol burns your nostrils. The buzzing of the needle probing in and out of your flesh echoes. Blood beads around the points of entry. Tattoos are artwork with a lifetime guarantee.

Tattoos are not found on sailors and bikers only, as the stereotypes lead us to believe. Everyday people like doctors, lawyers and teachers get tattoos. Even women have been getting tattoos more and more in the last 10 years. At a tattoo parlor in Thorold, Scott (Max) Maxwell, the tattooist, said he had more women than men getting tattoos in 1991. Women get tattoos for different reasons, including self-esteem, to feel sexy, and just because the artwork is "beautiful."

Choosing an area on your body for the tattoo is not as easy as one may think. There are considerations: Do you really want a picture of satan on your forearm if you work at a church? Or do you want your face covered in tattoos while working at a day care centre? Some people are even too embarrassed to let co-workers know they have tattoos.

As much as the public doesn't want to admit it, there is discrimination for people with tattoos. It is against the law to be discriminated against, but if a tattooed person walked into an office to apply for a job, chances are he might be rejected, Max said. Employers cover themselves though; they would say you were not hired because you had tattos, but because you didn't have the qualifications. Several quests on the talk show, Geraldo, said they were discriminated against because of thier tattoos.

Price is another major factor in deciding what tatoo you want. Most prices start at $30, and may go into the thousands of dollars. Price depends on size and colors.

Pain? If you want the tattoo badly enough, you'll just grit your teeth and bear it. Most people have the illusion that if you get your tattoo on a fleshy part of your body, it will not hurt. That's not always the case. For a woman, the inner thigh, a buttock, or a breast would probably be the areas with less pain. For the men, it's the arm or shoulder blade.

Picking the picture is the first step. You can take a picture with you, or pick one from the walls or books at the shop. When you have chosen your picture, the tattooist traces it onto a piece of tissue paper, using carbon paper. The area around the tattoo is shaved and coated with a stick body anti-perspirant so the paper will stick.

After the impression has dried, it's time for the needle. All needles are kept in a sterilized container. There are different size needles for variations in line width. When the right needle has been chosen, the buzzing sound begins and the pain — well?

"The needle enters the flesh 1/16 of an inch, and pierces the skin quickly," says Max, of Lone Wolf Studio Plant Two. The outline of the object is done first, followed by the coloring in. When the process is over, a paper towel is placed over the tattoo to soak up the blood. The paper towel should be left on from two to four hours.

It is recommended that Polysporin or Vaseline be rubbed on the tattoo every couple of hours for a week to keep it moist and to encourage scabbing. After about two weeks, depending on the size of the tattoo, it will be fully healed

Soon after, you forget the sound of the needle, and the smell of the alcohol to admire the work of a skilled professional.

Letter to the editor

College vice-president laments stunt in lot

Dear Editor:

The Niagara News recently reported on an event "Super Dennis survives death-defying stunt" in relation to a local radio promotional program. The stunt involved a car speeding into a cardboard box with a student inside.

I seriously question the wisdom of such a stunt since there is always the risk of injury. The participants in this particular stunt added to their error by not requesting the permission of the College to use the parking lot for this purpose.

This may be a good opportunity to remind students that students and the College may be held responsible for the consequences of whatever takes place on College property. Students can help by using their common sense and good judgement in this regard.

Hans van der Slagt
Vice-President
Administration

The recession

Home haircuts save $ but keep cap handy

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

In these economically depressed times, people are cutting back in every way. From washing their own cars, armed with scrub brushes and hoses instead of driving through the automatic pay-and-spray variety, to clipping and using coupons, everyone is doing his best to make the faltering Canadian dollar last its longest.

Many are even opting to do their hair-cutting and styling at home since a salon cut is a luxury few can afford these days.

In the Niagara Region, a cut will cost from $10 for short hair to $25 and up for longer hair. And, remember, that's just at the in-mall shops. In a trendy Toronto salon the same simple cut and style could run as high as $150. There's the financial incentive, now get to it.

Home cuts don't have to turn into that much-talked about hair disaster: crooked bangs, bare patches, crying fits. Achieve your desired look with the following ingredients: sharp scissors and/or electric clippers, a rattail comb to make parting easier, a spray bottle of water to keep the hair damp (unless you're using those electric clippers. Yikes!), a willing cuttee and a trusted cutter.

It's a good idea to get a good basic cut a salon first and to watch the barber and even ask for tips. This should make at-home up-keep fairly simple, especially the details.

Katy Bell, 19, a second-year French student at Carleton University in Ottawa says, "A lot of girls, including me, trim their bangs in between visits to the hairdresser's without experiencing any major hasseles."

If you don't trust yourself or even a friend enough to let them loose on your head with sharp instruments, let your Mom do it. She most likely did it when you were younger anyway. But don't ask John Hurst, 12, who attends Oakwood school in Port Colborne, about the benefits of having a relative cut your hair. "I let my sister cut my hair once. She shaved me practically bald and I had to wear a baseball hat for weeks."

So grab some scissors and get cutting. Oh, and keep that baseball cap handy.

Entertainment

Malhavoc returns after long absence

By BRANDON BAIN
Staff Writer

It started nine years ago in Toronto, as James Cavalluzo and friends started a band known as Malhavoc. Influenced by death metal and horror movies they recorded an album, "Shrine"but it wasn't released as the band broke up.

After the break-up James decided to create a unique, more original sound by combining metal and industrial music. With the aid of drum machines, samplers and, of course, James's unusual mind, Malhavoc has two official releases on Epidemic Records. The first release was the highest selling independent album in Canada in 1991 and the second, just released, is being distributed in the United States by Metal Blade Records.

Musically, Malhavoc has changed a lot since the "Shrine" recording and James thinks they probably would not have progressed to the sound they have now.

"We would probably still be doing death metal, like one of those grindcore bands right now. If we got a real good response to "Shrine" and toured for it, we probably would of continued as a three piece band," James says.

Even though Malhavoc has made the transfer to industrial music with ease, it wasn't a complete conscious decision.

"I was in my basement recording a song called Beginning the End. I couldn't basically record at 12 o'clock (midnight) in my house because we weren't allowed to practise in my house.

"So I had to find a drummer that could play quietly and what better than a drum machine. When I was recording on a four track, I couldn't come out singing, screaming into the mike because my parents were trying to sleep, so I was whispering.

"I wasn't getting enough input. So, to increase the gain, I grabbed one of my overdrive petals and I sung into that. That created the whole distorted vocal style. I never heard a band use vocals like that or heard industrial music. It was just by accident that I came to singing into mike with distortion.

Playing live though, the music does change a bit, James said.

"Live, you can't really do that whisper thing, you won't get enough gain. If you crank it, it really screws up with feedback through the monitors. I have to come out much more aggressive live and straight forward. Some people say they like it more than the record."

Equipment with any band is important and costly. For a band like Malhavoc such things as drum machines, drum pads, keyboards, samplers, and also the usual instruments like guitars, mikes and so on, equipment can be very expensive.

"We're trying to simplify the equipment because I've paid out so much money over the years for our stuff and I haven't made any money back yet," James said. "I'm also going to be out of a job in two months and I'm not going to be able to sustain the stuff I've been purchasing. It's sort of sad that money is going to dictate how the band is going to sound."

There has been some controversy surrounding Malhavoc. Live James has been known to come out naked, vomit, cut a pentagram into his chest and other disturbing things. Controversy can be good at getting media attention but, James says, for the amount they've played, the controversy has been minimal.

"With the imagery, we're matching up with what we're trying to project with the lyrics, for the whole idea of the song.

"We've had people faint at our shows. One person in Ottawa was so freaked out at what she saw she phoned the trauma line, then the trauma line phoned the club trying to find out what was going on. The weird thing is the controversy is coming from the audience not from outside people trying to control; everything."

Malhavoc is going to be releasing an extended play record Pre-Meditated Murder, around late April or early June. The concept of the EP is what goes through the mind of a person who can kill. The isolation, sense of loss and the deterioration of the mind.

James says he thinks this symbolizes the way society is now. After the EP, a tour of Canada and the U.S. will happen during the summer, with possible stops in Niagara Falls or St. Catharines.

Pool bug: chalk up

By KATHERINE AGNEW
Staff Writer

This bug bears no boundaries.

Swaggering old men are veterans of it, pompous young guys swear by it, drunken fools bet on it and queens have even dabbled with it

Want to join the club? Then just pick up a cue, make a bet or two and you can join an international pastime: pool.

Few sports have the blue-blooded lines of pool. The game is thought to have developed as an indoor version of lawn bowling in England about 600 years ago. Opulent homes with rooms full of elaborate decorations boasted the basic pool table.

Mary Queen of Scots was a noted enthusiast of the game and even Shakespeare, the maestro of the English word, mentioned the sport. The actual word billiard comes from the old French word, billiart, meaning playing stick or cue.

Since that time, the appeal has hardly worn off. Perhaps, because it doesn't cost hundreds of dollars in membership fees and an investment in pastel plaid pants to play.

Students at Niagara College just have to go to After Hours to indulge for a while.

Outside of the college, pool tables are found everywhere. A player can get a game in at your indispensable pool hall, at practically any bar and, for your diehard fanatic, pool tables have reportedly shown up at the doughnut shop.(Now if that trend starts in St. Catharines no one will have any trouble finding a place to play.) Just keep your eyes open, those tables are popping up in the oddest places.

The game has appealed to almost everyone. There are no class or age distinctions. From the young to the old, the queen to the drunken sloth, bets are this game will be around for quite some time

Morbid Angel on the rise

Death metal emerges from under

By SHAWN LAPLAUNTE
Staff Writer

Morbid Angel, a death metal band from Florida on Earache/Combat Records, is touring to support its newest album, Blessed are the Sick. Morbid Angel is one of the first death metal bands to emerge from the underground, among the many newer death metal bands. Although never really being a big fan of theirs, I found this album to be more mature than their previous one. The music itself has slowed down, but not so much as to be called a sell-out.

Morbid Angel has recorded five tracks from the debut which was never officially released. Five tracks off Abominations of Desolation make up Side 2. Closing off the album is a stunningly beautiful piano instrumental.

Morbid Angel definitely has a sound totally unique to them. The music has feeling as well as aggression.

"I don't know what other people do really, I don't pay much attention to it. As far I'm concerned, I take my lyrics real seriously, thats all I really could comment on." Lead vocalist for Morbid Angel, David Vincent, feels that lyrics on a record are important. Aggressive music deserves aggressive lyrics, it only makes sense. "I mean like Slayer and Venom drove it into the ground in the early '80s."

A while ago there was a rumor that the band's first album was going to be re-released but it didn't happen because some songs from Abominations and Alters of Madness are going to be released as EP. This EP is still untitled but will be hitting record stores soon.

Earache records has established itself as a reliable recording company. With Morbid Angel, Earache has recording artist Napalm Death. "Well, so far I think the majority of people at Combat have been real helpful to us," David said. "I don't know a lot of them but the people I do know, the staff that is assigned to Morbid Angel, have been real helpful and as far as Earache, I can't say enough of good things about them."

Influences in other bands play a major role in the music industry. One's influence will reflect the outcome of his music. Morbid Angel's David Vincent doesn't listen to much death metal; he listens mostly to Black Sabbath.

"I don't listen to a lot of death metal, I do listen to few bands. I don't know, it's weird man, it all depends on what mood I'm in, but definitely I listen to a whole bunch of different things.

Being vocalist in one of the only death metal bands to come from Florida, David says there are a lot of different styles coming from there. There are glam bands, hardcore bands and arena bands. Death metal is to Florida what thrash is to the Bay Area in California.

Morbid Angel is touring Europe but never fear, it will be coming to Canada soon. The band should be touring with fellow death metallers, Entombed, with no other opening act. Death metal is a growing industry and who else better to promote it than Morbid Angel.

"Well thanks for the support and we'll never sell out," David says.

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Entertainment

HTZ-FM

Radio station pays big cash

By PETER KOZELA
Staff Writer

Starting a radio station is never an easy task. A lot of time and effort goes into it. But for Paul Morris, music director of 97.7 HTZ-FM, it was well worth it.

Mr. Morris, with program director Eric Samuels, came to St. Catharines in the spring of 1986 with the intention of putting a new radio station on the air. A year earlier the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission approved an application from Standard Broadcasting Inc., operators of 610-CKTB, to change the format of their FM station from country to rock. They came in with no records, no staff members, two turntables, and a blank cheque. HTZ-FM officially went on the air on June 28, 1986. The first song aired was Heart of Rock 'n' Roll by Huey Lewis and the News.

"We started right from scratch," said Mr. Morris, who, with Mr. Samuels, is a graduate of the broadcasting program at Fanshawe College in London. "It was not an easy task to begin operating a radio station in a small market such as St. Catharines because this is probably one of the most competitive radio markets in North America. We've been a success as it is, but I think if we had been located in Toronto we would have been a phenomenal success."

In its early days, the HTZ-FM owners were trying to define what type of rock station they wanted it to be. They played a variety of music, ranging from pop groups like the Eurythmics to real hard rock 'n' roll such as Led Zeppelin. They would soon create an identity as strictly a hard rock station. "We wanted to be unique," Mr. Morris said. "We want our on-air staff to have a certain personality, an aggressive attitude within reason."

The demographics for HTZ-FM range from ages 18 to 35, "with more emphasis placed between ages 18 and 25," Mr. Morris said. "We think that age bracket is more appealing. We are also trying to target the under-18 group who are more interested in the newer rock groups such as the Black Crowes, while at the same time we want to appeal to the older generation who do not hear the older songs as much as when they were younger."

HTZ-FM has been first class in the promotions department. They promote their station as well as any station in Canada. They have turned over their advertising budget to the listeners by promoting a contest, Show us your HTZ, in which they encourage people to display their HTZ-Fm logo anywhere across the listening area in Southern Ontario.

They are giving cash prizes of $97 and $997, with a grand prize of $9,997. The grand prize for businesses is $9,997 worth of advertising time. Mr. Morris said this type of promotion has been discussed for a couple of years. There are other special promotions such as a Halloween party, Rock 'n' Bowl, which started last summer, in which people have a chance to win a new car if they bowl three strikes in a row. The biggest promotion they have done was their fifth anniversary bash which lasted an entire weekend. Among the bands which performed that weekend were the Tragically Hip and the Northern Pikes.

"That was the biggest promo we've ever done," Mr. Morris said. "We'll be hard pressed to top that promotion. I don't think we will be doing another one for a while. Maybe we'll do something for our 10th anniversary, but we haven't decided yet."

The key to a radio station's success is the on-air personalities. The three key people in that department are morning host Scruff Connors, sports director Joe Cahill, and evening host Kristy Knight.

Scruff Connors became the host of the morning show a year after the station went on the air. He got the job because his boss, whom he'd worked for at Q107 in Toronto, is now working for the company that owns and operates HTZ-FM. Scruff is a unique person who has revolutionized morning radio. He has been known to do some unusual things on the air, and has been in trouble with the CRTC when listeners complain about them.

"Scruff is someone who represents the everyday average person," Mr. Morris said. "He is the perfect host for a morning show on a rock station."

Joe Cahill is the sports director of HTZ. He and Scruff worked together previously, when Joe produced Scruff's morning show at Q 107.

"Joe is someone who has great knowledge of the sports he covers but is also a big fan of rock 'n' roll music," Mr. Morris said.

Kristy Knight, host of the evening show, is someone who talks in "street language" on her program. When she first came to HTZ-FM from Q 107 she came with that type of attitude. At that time, groups like Guns'n'Roses and Aerosmith were the best bands and Kristy was the type of person with that rock 'n' roll attitude.

The playlist for HTZ requires it to play 30 per cent Canadian content between 6 a.m. and midnight. Begining next Monday, HTZ will air a countdown of the top 997 rock songs of all time. Most of the songs will be the same as the last time they did the countdown, but Mr. Morris says he will eliminate the mowtown and soul that appeared then.

Take time for health

By BRIAN LAFANTAISIE
Staff Writer

"Just do it"

This is the phrase that became the rallying cry of the Nike generation. Their words motivated millions to lose weight, tone up, and achieve the meanest muscles this side of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

But every person who has paid hundreds of dollars to join a gym without ever sticking with it knows "just doing it" is a lot easier said than done.

Of course, everyone wants good health, good looks, and increased energy that regular exercise brings. But people today can't seem to find the time for physical fitness. Life is already packed with school, homework, and what's left of a social life.

As it turns out, quite a number of people seem to be able to make time, according to Muscle and Fitness magazine. For every person who "just couldn't make it today," there is another who is able to fit it all in. The secrets of such people usually turn out to be simple. They design a workout schedule that makes fitness a convenient part of their day, rather than a chore. And they choose activities they enjoy. But, what works for one person might not work for another.

A solution to making fitness a part of someone's daily routine is exercising at home with rowing machines, Stair Master, Lifecycle, treadmills and free weights. Equipment in one's home usually ensures some physical exercise everyday.

Though few can afford a home gym, there are inexpensive ways to workout at home. A floor mat, a pair of dumbbells, and a good exercise manual are all it takes to start toning and developing muscles.

Fitting in fitness can be relatively effortless if you have a love for an activity that can be done solo.

"My personal philosophy," Peter Rylander, college recreational-athletics co-ordinator, says. "Is you don't stop playing

Skating, skiing, hiking, jogging, and swimming provide an excellent cardiovascular workout and are perceived as play rather than work, and are less likely to become routine.

Winston Gross, who finds the energy to make it to the gym four times a week is motivated by results.

"I find it harder to not workout because it breaks routine." says Winston, who spends all his days in classrooms and hallways of Niagara College.

Winston, a third year accounting student, finds 12 a.m. a good time to workout.

"Working out late at night makes me tired so I get a good night sleep."

While there are many gyms which Winston could go to, he finds working out at home more motivating.

History on display at Welland museum

By ROGER STROOP
Staff Writer

Welland. It's the city where the main campus of Niagara College is situated. This is common knowledge. Most students who live outside the city, however, know little about its history and heritage.

A visit to the Welland Historical Museum would quickly change that.

The museum, on Hooker Street, is a non-profit facility where, according to assistant curator Diane O' Neill, "Our main focus is Welland and the people of Welland."

The museum's two permanent galleries contain exhibits that help visitors understand the city's past. One of these, called Welland and its Canals, illustrates the effect that canals have had on Welland, Ms. O'Neill said. The other, city streets, shows materials from the turn-of-the-century Welland streets.

The museum's most interesting feature is the featured exhibit, which charges three to four times each year. This month the featured exhibit is called Family Treasures

This exhibit contains objects and stories that local students in grades 4, 5, and 6 brought from their relatives. All of these things have great significance to the families they come from.

Among the more than 200 objects on display in the exhibit, which runs until April 25, are photographs, christening gowns, teddy bears, and bibles. Perhaps the most interesting object is an elaborate instrument that Ms. O' Neill identified as a Ukranian device called a samovar, which was used to make tea.

With this display, the students made a book containing photos and descriptions of their objects which will be sent to the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa, where it will be on display with similar books from across Canada, Ms. O' Neill said.

"All of our paper collection is in our archives," Ms. O' Neill said, it includes books and photos containing information about important events in the city's history. Access to the archive is granted by appointment only.

Besides being an important historical resource, the museum functions as a place where people may learn how to care for their keepsakes and treasures. The staff is always willng to give advice to people on how they can preserve cherished family heirlooms and momentoes.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Group tours are available.

For people who want to know a little about the city around the college, the Welland Historical Museum provides an excellent opportunity to explore Welland's history.

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Student regrets her nation's past

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Most college students are concerned primarily with obtaining good grades, but Christina Pieck feels compelled to apologize for her country's dark past.

Deep in the heart of Germany's industrial Rhineland lies the city of Siegen. From this community comes the 22-year old Niagara College Interior Design student.

Christina is a shy, yet radiant, person. At first she seems nervous as she brushes her blonde hair from her sparkling eyes, but she quickly settles down and describes what is troubling her.

Like millions of other young Germans, Christina is ashamed of her country's Nazi past. It is something most Canadians could not begin to imagine having to deal with. German youth is educated about the horrors of Adolph Hitler; however, Christina thinks students should have to take field trips to former concentration camps, the sites of Second World War atrocities.

"When I see the films I could just scream. My family knew what was going on, but didn't do anything about it."

The thought of her family and other Germans' silence deeply bothers her. "I think everyone who keeps quiet feeds the fire. I feel guilty because I don't know how I would have reacted in that situation."

Christina has to deal with being labeled by ignorant people. When they find out she is German, they immediately assume she is a Nazi. She has actually been called a Nazi, and it hurts her. She says it's something you just don't say to a German.

"Most people don't know the facts about us. I sometimes have the feeling that people portray us as ignorant people, but we are like anybody else, we have feelings."

Christina questions the recent reunification of Germany because she thinks the people of both Germanies are so totally different.

CHRISTINA PIECK

East Germans have different values than those in the west. They are selling all their land to rich industrialists from former West Germany. They are poor people.

"They get special treatment because they are farther behind in technology. People in the West in the same situation are not always given the help they need. "I worked with an East German guy and I knew he got the job because he was East German, we didn't need anyone at the time."

The bringing together of the two also calls into question the power of a reunified Germany, not only economically, but politically. There has been a recent rash of racial violence in Germany, mainly instigated by a strong neo-Nazi movement.

Christina said she believes they could eventually come to power if nothing is done; however, she is quick to say that Germans are aggressive.

"If something comes up we will have a counter-fight that will block them."

Christina, who holds Canadian and German citizenships, is a seasonal Canadian. She lives in Canada during the school year and in Germany during the summer. She has been practicing this exciting lifestyle for the last two years.

She was born in North Vancouver in 1969. When Christina was a year old, her mother got homesick. The family immediately packed up and moved to Scotland, but her father could not find a job there. Once again the family got its things together. This time it settled permanently in West Germany. There Christina spent the next 19 years of her life, occasionally vacationing in Canada and Scotland.

When Christina returns to Germany during her summers, she works as a draftsman. She has a degree in architectural technology and drafting from a Siegen trade school, the name of which cannot be translated into English.

Christina likes living in Canada. She didn't have any problems making friends. Most people were interested in her German background and accent, although people tend to misunderstand her at times. If she has to repeat herself frequently, she gets nervous. But overall, she enjoys the people of Canada. "In Germany there are many people crunched into one space, and it's getting worse with people coming from East Germany."

So, how did someone from so far away end up taking Interior Design at Niagara? She said it was not a complicated process: she simply picked up a book on Canadian colleges, flipped through it and picked Niagara.

Media Services honor 17 staff and students

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

Seventeen people were rewarded at a banquet by the Media Department for their dedication in the past.

Karl Anselstetter, Mike Robinson, and Ray Riel from the Broadcast Radio Television program and Journalism students Carol Ann Hunt, Diana Harris and Joel Naphin received certificates March 26.

College staff honored were Stu Black, Brian Green, Willard Wright, Uta Haley, John Killip, Ed Zanetti, Dave Abraham, Tom Pagonis, Jerry Salfi, Glenn Heshka and Larry Cote.

Jack Custers, Maclean-Hunter Cable TV received a certificate.

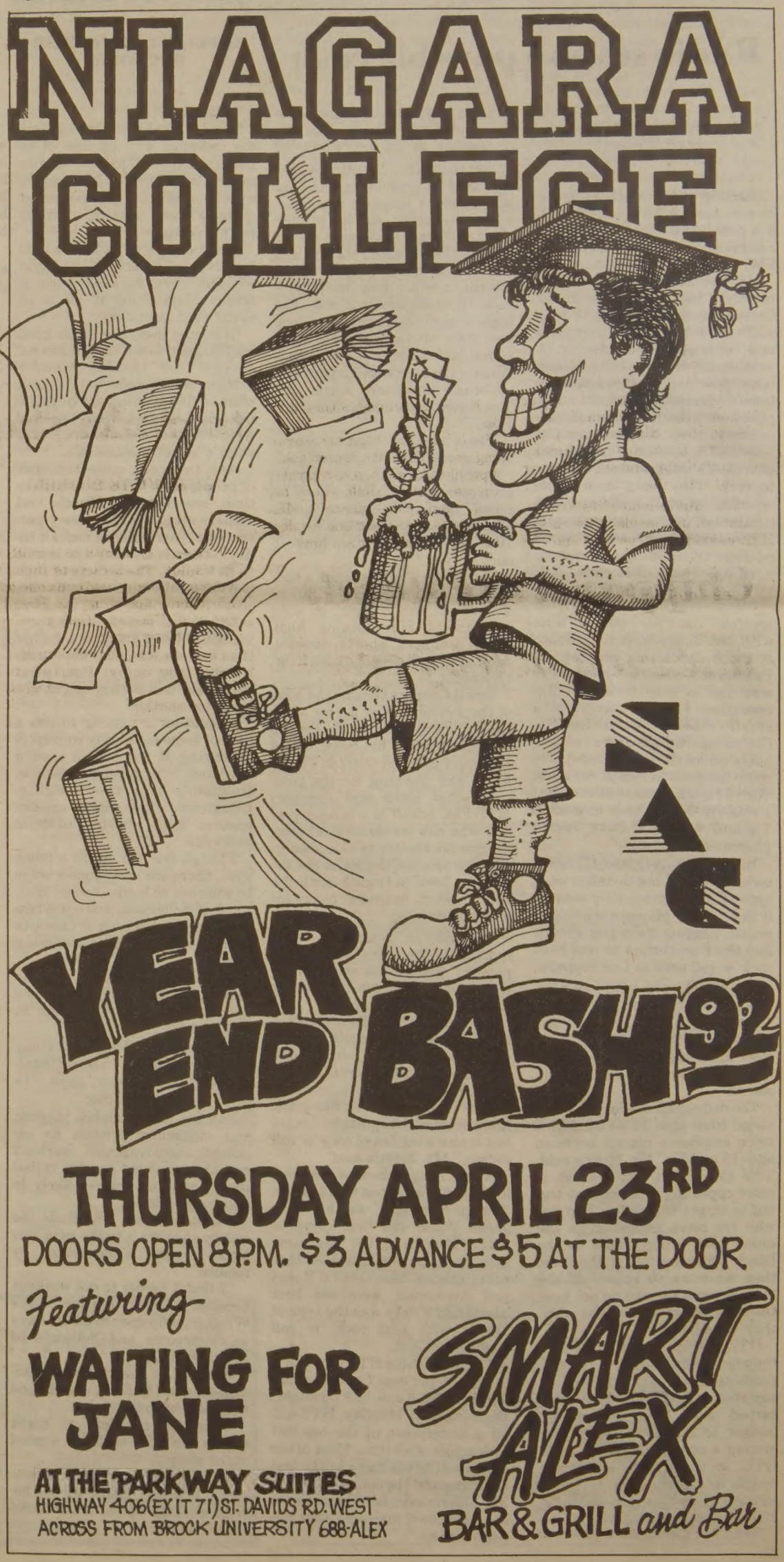
Not attending were Kim MacDonald, Roberta Romano, Karen Steele, Roger Segalin and Bryan McRae, who also received rewards.

The awards were presented by Carol Boettcher, vice-president of Student Life and Human Resources, and Keith Lindberg, manager of the Media Department, the host of the media appreciation dinner.

Wine and cheese were served as a video of past broadcasts over many years was shown for entertainment.

"The video was used to set the mood for the night," Mr. Lindberg said.

This was the first time a dinner, prepared by the Hospitality and Tourism Centre was held to thank people who had given many years of service to the department. The dinner was served by students enrolled at the college campus in Niagara Falls. Veal or filet of sole were the main dishes.



THE ARTHRITIS SOCIETY
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Mom away from mom found in cafeteria

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

People who have been in the Niagara College cafeteria have seen her. She patrols the cafeteria looking for trays and garbage left by students too lazy to take them to the garbage or conveyor belt. To the students she's known as Ma or Mom, which Rita Munro feels is just fine.

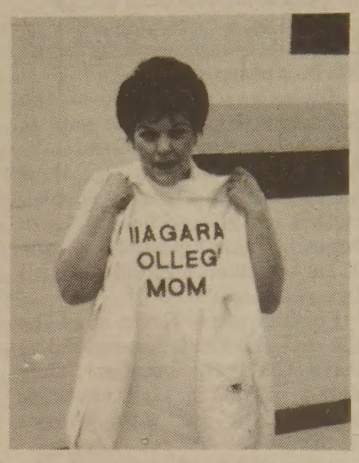
Rita Munro is the cafeteria attendant at the Niagara College cafeteria, a job she's had for the last 10 years. She doesn't work for the college, she's employed by Commercial Cleaners in St. Catharines.

"I really like my job and I like the students," Mrs. Munro said. "They're doing a good job of cleaning up. I mean nobody's perfect and it keeps things exciting."

The students at Niagara College,for the most part, like her, too. Three years ago, students from the Early Childhood Education program gave her a white jacket with the lettering Niagara College Mom on the back.

"They gave me the jacket because they like me," Mrs. Munro said. She works in the cafeteria from 8:30-5, Monday through Friday, and she wears her jacket faithfully.

Mrs. Munro is used to looking after young people. She raised three children of her own and one



RITA MUNRO

stepdaughter; she has eight grandchildren.

When she's not working, Mrs. Munro enjoys knitting, playing euchre, spending time with her grandchildren and travelling. She doesn't do enough travelling even though she works only from September to April.

Commercial Cleaners signed a new contract with the school, but Mrs. Munro doesn't know how long she'll stay.

"I'll work as long as they'll let me."

Let's hope they'll let her stay as long as she likes. There aren't a lot of people who greet you every day with a warm "Hello, how are you?" and really mean it. Mrs. Munro, Ma, is one of those select few. She's simply ma-velous.

Searching for summer jobs not as easy as it appears

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

Hiring! Summer/year-round, $300-$900 weekly, Hawaii, Caribbean, Bahamas, call now!

Sound too good to be true? Well, it is.

Many newspaper classified ads will seem at least as attractive as this one. The job sounds fun, the money, even better. But upon further scrutiny, most unbelievable job offers are just that--unbelievable.

The cruise ship ad guarantees the "high-paying job of your choice, free room and board, and medical coverage."

For more information and application forms, however, you must send $44.95, plus $5 shipping and handling, and include your credit card number. You are required to pay your own airfare to get to the departure point of these "quality oceanliners," and must pay for hotel accomodations and car rental at ports of call.

It didn't say that in the ad.

Advertising such as this can be a major hazard when searching for the perfect summer job, and a great reason to use the resources at hand: The Canada Employment Centre for Students and the Career Services office on campus. (Bonus: they don't require a credit history or even a small downpayment.)

Go to the nearest Canada Employment Centre (there should be one in your community) to fill out a registration card. The card includes job preferences and expectations, as well as availability. When potential employers contact the centre, employees there will use the card in a "selection referral" process which matches qualifications with jobs available. The centre will contact employers on behalf of those seeking work.

"For all the jobs that come in, we usually have a student for the job," says Maria McKinnon, an employee at the Fort Erie centre.

Julie Iemmolo, from the Port Colborne centre, says the success rate is high; last year, about 390 of 440 vacancies were filled.

Tanya Hvilivitzky, 25, a first-year journalism student at Niagara College, is one of many students taking advantage of the centre's services this year. After having searched newspapers, joined Manpower temporary services and a YMCA job-seek program, Tanya said, "It can get pretty discouraging."

Of course, an enterprising student could always place his own ad.

Wanted: Cool summer job
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Preferably in the tropics
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But I wouldn't recommend it.

Students struggle with budgets to make those dollars last

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Forty-seven cents a minute. That's how much it costs for an average student to attend college full time, according to David Schleich, Niagara College vice president academic.

This figure includes tuition, books, rent, transportation, travel, lost income plus interest, and groceries. Students can't budget for every minute of the day. It's just as hard to budget for every week.

Nearly everyone has a problem budgeting his money in economically repressed times. Everything from rent to food to entertainment seems overpriced and under quality. With an economy like ours, eveyone struggles to make his money last.

"I cannot budget money. If you gave me $200 today, by tomorrow night I'd have nothing," says Jill Thomson, a second-year Broadcasting--Radio, television, and film student.

Isabelle Bourget, first-year Business--Sales, says, "I try to budget, but it just doesn't work."

Students must spend on necessities such as rent and groceries. Rent is the largest expenditure, costing an average student about $400 per month. Most students spend a minimal amount on groceries, usually $20 or less. Nearly every grocery list is the same.

"What do I buy? Kraft Dinner," Jill said.

"Groceries? I buy Kraft Dinner and french fries," said Jodie Oliver, first-year Business--Sales.

The remaining money seems to be spent on enterainment, in some shape or form.

"I spend about $20 a week on groceries. I spend $100 a week on entertainment: beer, cigarettes, eating out," Jill said.

The amount for entertainment is high, according to Jill, who said her roommates spend $20 to $30 per week on the same things. Jill can afford to spend so much because of an agreement she made with her parents before school. Jill gave her savings from her summer job, $5,000, to her parents, who deposit a weekly allowance into her bank account. This prevents Jill from overspending, and she has "an extra bonus" waiting for her at home this summer.

As for other budgeting techniques, Jodie suggested that students with bank cards have low weekly limits set on them. Students should be allowed to withdraw only a predetermined amount they have decided on months earlier. This would prevent overspending and force them to learn how to budget, she said.

Jill proposed that the college become more involved in student budgeting, since many people won't ask for help until it is too late.

"The college should offer a money management course in August, along with other college preparation seminars," Jill said. She said she would have taken such a course, given the opportunity.

Mark Nesbitt, second-year Journalism--Print, said budgeting could not be taught in the classroom.

"The only way people learn to budget money is to budget money." With so little money, and so many things to spend it on, maybe it would be easier to budget 47 cents a minute.

Chippawa site stands undeveloped by city

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

The last untouched battleground of the War of 1812 will remain untouched after Niagara Falls city council voted to stop development on the land. And, according to John Muggeridge, a college history teacher- it was the right decision.

He said he believes the battlegrounds and burial places of the brave soldiers who fought for Canada should be sacred and left untouched. All lands should be preserved but not at the costs developers are placing on the Chippawa site.

Developers are asking $1 million for the 6.3-acre site which runs along the Niagara River Parkway. The government is trying to come up with the money to purchase the land but believes the price is too expensive. Land swapping or compensation for a land donation through tax contributions are options which may be taken into consideration, according to Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson.

It is believed that more than 160 soldiers were killed during the 1814 battle which lasted an hour, but costly to both the American and British armies. The fighting raged up and down the frontier from Fort Erie to Fort George. An American army of over 3,500 soldiers crossed the river and immediately overran a badly-outmanned British force. The Americans denied a British request to recover their dead and insisted that they would bury all the dead they killed.

Wagons collected the scattered corpses while troops dug at least two mass graves. Within weeks, the American army withdrew to Fort Erie and were back in the U.S. before winter. The site has remained untouched ever since.

Mr. Muggeridge said he believes the Canadian government is no longer trying to keep the Canadian tradition alive, he said that this kind of thinking is filtering down to the young people of the country.

"Very few young people are interested in Canadian History," he said.

He said that the youth of today are being taught the traditions of their parents and not the traditions of Canadian ancestors. He said he believes that multiculturalism is a major reason why Canada is losing its identity when it comes to things like historic battlegrounds or heroes.

"Most kids in this country are taught the traditions of their parents, such as Italian or French."

He said he thinks the U.S. is more of a nation than Canada is because Americans all believe in national unity. On the other hand, he said that Canada has an identity problem because no one is sure what the Canadian flag really stands for.

No official offer has been made to the developers but a decision is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

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Empty cans not junk to 'nutbar' collector

By TRISH McLAY
Staff Writer

More than anything else, beer cans are proof that one person's junk is another person's treasure.

The front room of Casey Westdorp's apartment, 77 Wiley St., St. Catharines, is lined with shelves of beer cans, from the floor to the ceiling around the whole room.

They are not empty cans that were opened, poured, drank, and then discarded. These are a part of a 1,800-can collection worth between $3,800 and $4,000.

Casey, a member of the Beer Can Collectors of America, has been collecting cans for six years. He never expected the few cans he saved because he liked the labels would become such a dedicated hobby.

"When I started collecting a few cans, my wife brought home a jigsaw puzzle with a picture of beer cans on it," Casey said. "I tried to collect all the ones in the puzzle and became addicted.

"I thought I was the only nut bar in the Niagara Peninsula collecting, until I saw an ad in the St. Catharines Advertiser. Some other guy was selling beer cans!"

Casey contacted the person who wrote the ad and soon learned about the Beer Can Collectors of America club. The door was opened to new friends and lots of information. The club publishes a news report bimonthly.

Although Casey collects Canadian cans from across the country, his collection is mostly American. Many of the cans bear familiar names like Budweiser, Stroh's, Miller, and Old Milwaukee.

His collection holds a few rare novelty cans including a series of James Bonds' 007, with pictures of a different woman on each. Others include Billy Beer cans, named after the brother of former president Jimmy Carter and a Playmate series.

"That's the trouble: Americans will brew beer for anything," he said looking at his collection and scratching his head under his Buffalo Bills hat.

"Novelty cans seem to be coming back. I hope the Buffalo Bills market one."

Casey is not much of a beer drinker even though all the cans on his shelves are empty.

"Obviously the cans are empty because if they sit on the shelves for a long period of time they may leak. But I don't want the shelves to come tumbling down either."

In collecting beer cans, Casey said they should be opened from the bottom so the top remains intact.

"This brings the can more value when it's traded."

Among the cans Mr. Westdorp is most proud of is his Ram's Head Ale can. It was the first can he got that was a real collector's item.

The collection is displayed alphabetically by the name of the beer. At K is where his most expensive can from the 1930s' is. It's called Krueger Beer, valued between $170 and $190.

But what really makes a can special to Casey is the age. He likes to imagine who originally owned the cans and his lifestyle, especially if it dates back to the 1930s' or 1940s'.

"You can tell the age of the can by the seams along the side of the patent number," he said. "But what really makes a can old is the

CASEY WESTDORP

instructions on the side of the can explaining how to open it."

Casey's biggest thrill would be to come across a six-pack of unique cans at a flea market or garage sale, that a little old lady had found in her attic.

He said any unique or old can interests him as long as it's in relatively good shape.

Some people who collect cans really go to extremes.Some have been known to go through city dumps or to dig up the sites of long-vanished taverns.

However, Casey mainly enjoys travelling to beer can shows, called "canventions". The farthest his hobby has taken him was Vermont. He made the trip with his wife of two years, Hope, and their mothers.

Hope enjoys her husband's hobby just as much as he does. However, she likes him to take all the credit.

"When people ask questions I like Casey to answer them. He's very proud of his collection. We call it his, but it's really ours."

Hope doesn't seem to mind having empty beer cans all over her house as some wives might. She likes the conversation it creates when someone comes to their home.

"You should see when guys deliver pizza, the look on their face is amazing," she said. "Casey, of course, is in his glory."

Hope attends most of the distant shows. She has only seen a few women with their own collections.

"I guess it would be a good place to meet men," she said, winking at her husband.

Casey and Hope said anyone who is a collector, or interested in collecting cans, is welcome to contact them.

They advise beginners to stick to one area, one country, one brand or one era. Too much time and money can be spent on a wide range of cans. It isn't as much fun, they said.

In the meantime, just remember the next can of beer you drink could become a collector's item on someone's shelf.

The most expensive can in circulation today is valued at $6,000. That's an expensive piece of tin.

Gangs provide Niagara Falls youth with sense of belonging

By KIMBERLY ALBON
Staff Writer

At least one teenager was shot and killed in the Niagara area in gang warfare last year.

Gangs are growing; the average age of gang members is 15.

Two distinct gangs have taken up in the Niagara Peninsula, Skinheads and Raiders. Each gang wears its own "colors" and articles of clothing have become trademarks for them.

The children joining today's gangs are no longer just poor or deprived youths, they come from all walks of life. I found youths from all backgrounds while interviewing them. Although I asked several members why they join these gangs, I found no answer.

The members said violence is like a "natural high," they are no longer into petty theft; they carry knives, baseball bats, chains and other weapons.

A 15-year-old girl recently went to court to tell of being assaultd. Five gang members beat and burned her, then took her clothing. Only one of the five was not a young offender. Court was told how 40 other gang members stood and watched the assualt take place at a "rally." All five were sent to jail.

The Niagara Falls Review reported that gang members lit and burned a wooden cross, videotaping it for the Klu Klux Klan.

Are these tomorrow's adults? Do members ever leave the gang? Kevin Nanson did.

Kevin was a member of the Skinheads. He joined the gang at the beginning of Grade 8. Skinheads are known by their heavy laced boots, army surplus clothes and shaved heads. Kevin began shaving his head in Grade 9. He remained a Skinhead until two years ago.

For four years Kevin lived the life of a skinhead. He decided to leave the gang because "they didn't stand up for anything anymore, they just wanted to get drunk."

"True skinheads believe in the working class, the white race, new forms of government and are against homosexuality."

Kevin has retained these beliefs but has found other ways to express them. "When I left the gang I was looked down upon, spit on and treated like a sub-human."

"Youths are joining the gangs because it gives them a sense of belonging, not because they believe in anything." Some of the original members are still involved in the movement and maintain the life of the true skinhead.

"What the Skinheads did to the 15-year-old girl was unjust and I believe they got what they deserved. I find they're falling apart. the violence has divided the gang into those who promote violence and those who are against it."

Kevin said he will never join the gang again. "I can stand up for what I believe in without having the label "Skinhead" attached. People believe that if you are a Skinhead you have no views or opinions worth listening to."

A year has almost passed since Kevin's friend was shot and killed. He will, with other members and former members mourn the loss of a young man April 1.

IEEE host to banquet; golf May 1-2

For the first time, the student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronical Engineers is sponsoring a section meeting for the Hamilton section of the IEEE. It will take place Monday, April 6, at the Table Rock Restaurant in Niagara Falls, Ont.

The Branch is sponsoring the meeting to show its appreciation to the IEEE executive for their contribution toward the purchase of their plotter(70 per cent), and a variety of new software packages.

The branch helped to send six students to the International Society for Hybrid Microelectronics conference in Orlando, Fla.

The third annual Golf Day is being held May 1-2 at Garden City Golf Course in St. Catharines, Ont. The Golf Day will be followed by a year-end bash.

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Tour ends with Easter play in Oberammagau, Germany

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Ed's Note: The coming of Easter reminds writer Sheri Goodman of an earlier touching Easter experience in Europe.

Oberammagau is a small Hansel and Gretel village in Germany with a variety of antiquity shops and small German pubs, 100 miles south of Munich in the Bavarian Alps. The roads are cobblestone and time stands still in this town of narrow streets, friendly guesthouses (Gastofs) and churches.

It became a religious community after a plague in 1633. Oberammagau has held a Passion Play since the epidemic killed more than half the population. The villagers prayed to God to end the blight saying, in return, they would perform a play dedicated to the resurrection of Christ, every 10 years. Soon after the whole town prayed, the plague miraculously ended and the citizens were sure it was an act of God and kept their vow.

The characters in the play may only be citizens of Oberammagau who have lived in the town for 10 years. Children under the age of 10 may be in the performance if their parents have lived in the town 10 years.

Of the near-5,500 citizens, 1,250 villagers take part in the play. All of them are dedicated to their roles. The men grow real beards and the women make the costumes and teach the children their roles.

After three weeks of endlessly touring eight countries on the continent of Europe and visiting too many churches, cathedrals and monuments, our bus tour finally stopped in Oberammagau so we could see the Passion Play.

The owner of the Gastof our tour group stayed at played the part of Jesus' traitor, Judas. He told us about the play and the theatre it is performed in.

The theatre, built solely for the performance of the Passion Play, seats 1,500 people, people from all regions of the world come to see the play even though it is performed in German. Translation books are published in six different languages and cost about $6 (U.S.).

The theatre itself is covered, but the stage is not. Located in the mountains, Oberammagau receives heavy rainfall and the actors are rained upon 40 per cent of the time.

The play is put on every 10 years in the first year of the decade. Taking place from May 1 to the end of September, the play is performed six times a week, with one day off for the Sabbath.

Each play is five hours long with a three-hour break after the first half so the actors may eat and rest.

During the performance the audience is transfixed, staring mutely at the stage. All that can be heard during the actual Crucifixion of Christ are the silent sobs of the audience, the hammering of the nails into the hands and feet of Christ and His screams of pain.

I was amazed to see the Crucifixion enacted so vividly. I felt myself cringe as the nails were hammered into His flesh.

I am not an overly religious person, but the dedication of the villagers and the reality of the Crucifixion did not leave me untouched. I would travel half-way across the world to see the Passion Play again in the year 2000.

Easter holds a new meaning for me and I thank a small and dedicated village in the Bavarian Alps, the village of Oberammagau.

Hort. Centre to relocate

The Niagara College Horticultural Centre, 360 Niagara St., St. Catharines, will be changing its location within the next few years.

Under the college master plan the Horticultural Centre will merge with the nursing and business departments to form a centrally located campus in St. Catharines.

Tom Ball, Horticultural technician, says the centre has simply run out of space in its present facility and must relocate if production is to continue.

The centre, which has been in operation for 23 years, is rented by the college. The college is looking to find a location which will give the centre unlimited space.

Ironically, this new facility will be called the Garden City Campus.

Niagara students may remember her

By KIMBERLY ALBON
Staff Writer

When students look back on their lives who do they think of? Most students think of parents, teachers, schools, and friends, but how many think of their bus driver?

MaryLou Walter has been driving school buses in Niagara Falls for 20 years. Having driven so many children over the years, it is likely some of them are here attending Niagara College today. In February MaryLou was awarded for 20 years of safe driving.

Mary Lou looked back on the last 20 years with both fondness and disbelief:

"Students I drove in the beginning are now sending their children to school on my bus. It's been nice to be there to teach them pride and respect for their schools and the bus. It's great to see them years later and see the respect they have for us now."

MaryLou has seen changes in society and in today's students. "Years ago all we had to worry about was verbal abuse; today we worry about gang members that ride our bus, and what may happen. Today's youths carry weapons and the verbal abuse has escalated."

MaryLou contends that for every hard-to-handle student, a dozen are "wonderful." Many students have written poetry to her or often give her cards. "It has its benefits."

MaryLou drives about 120 miles a day. She said she feels parents don't understand that being in the public sector, drivers put up with a lot of abuse. Most parents, she said, are understanding, but some feel it's the driver's fault when things go wrong.

Twenty years ago her driving started as a hobby, something to do for a few years while her own family was going to school. It became a full-time job and now, in addition to school runs, she does charter work. She is the number two driver in the company; one driver has one month's more seniority.

For whatever faults the job has, MaryLou recommends it as a career. "It's great if you have children still at home and attending school. The hours you work are the same as theirs and you have the same holidays."

Summing up her career, MaryLou said, "I can handle my bus very well and I'm proud of my driving record. Parents have learned throughout the years that their children will get home safely."

During the Blizzard of '77 all of MaryLou Walter's students arrived home safely. MaryLou's bus became stuck, however, and she was forced to walk over a mile to reach her own family at home. "I take my job seriously and the safety of my students is first and foremost."

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Something smells fishy in the tobacco capital of the world

By DUNCAN WARRENER
Staff Writer

A drive through Delhi shows how it earned its title of The Tobacco Capital of the World. There is tobacco farm, after tobacco farm, after tobacco farm, after...trout farm?

Did I take a wrong turn somewhere?

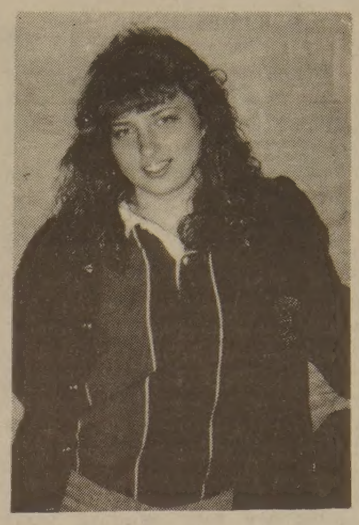
The VanMaanen trout farm is as unusual to Delhi as water is to a desert. Aside from its product though, daily life is much like any other farm. Hard work and early hours make it run; there are no days off.

Treena VanMaanen is the only daughter in the family. She is far from the pig-tailed, overalled tomboy that one might expect.

"I've always been expected to do the same work as my brothers. We're supposedly treated equal," she says, with a laugh. The 17-year-old and her two brothers have been working on the farm since they were age 5.

Treena says farm work can be extremely stressful at times but she wouldn't give it up.

"I can't see myself living in town because there's no space, nowhere to ride my four-wheeler or my dirt bike. I wouldn't be able to yell either. Living in town would certainly be much easier. There would be less work and more conveniences."



TREENA VANMAANEN

Doug VanMaanen, Treena's father, has been harvesting fish for the past five years. The farm used to be mixed, producing tobacco, grain, corn and beans. The market for tobacco began to suffer greatly in the mid-'80s so Mr. VanMaanen began the lengthy and expensive process of converting to a trout farm before it was too late. High cigarette tax and the trend to stop smoking caused the rift in the market.

Spanning 151 acres, the VanMaanen farm is, indeed, an impressive sight. Several tobacco kilns remain standing, symbols of past years waiting patiently to be torn down.

Trout farming is much harder than growing tobacco. The fish must be constantly watched and regulated.

The VanMaanen farm buys the fingerlings from a local supplier. Fingerlings are young fish about the size of a little finger, hence the name. The fingerlings only grow in ideal conditions and must be monitored and fed carefully to ensure proper growth. Drastic changes in temperature can severly damage a crop of fish.

The VanMaanens take their fish to the Co-op in Guelph. On the morning of delivery they must get up early to drain the fish tanks so they can be moved. The trout are transferred to shipping tanks on a truck. About 2,400 pounds of fish can be moved in one trip.

The fish are fed daily with the help of auto feeders which drop fish food (pellets) into the tanks at timed intervals.

The VanMaanen farm does quite well and is smoothly and efficiently run. There isn't any slouching done on chores.

So, if you're driving around Delhi and something smells a little fishy, don't worry, its not your car, just some trout.

Speaking up definitely the best thing to do

By ARLENE ARCH
Staff Writer

She looked into the raging eyes that were just inches away from her own. His face was not the familiar, trusting one she had seen day after day but the angry, distorted look of a stranger. As his hands tightened around her neck, she thought this cannot be the man I know.

He is John (not his real name). She had known him for two years and considered him a good friend.

Today, physical and emotional abuse is not unusual among long-term relationships. Though studies are few, they do suggest that thousands of Canadian teenage girls are beaten by their boyfriends. There seems to be a pattern to the abuse: after several months of dating the boy feels he is allowed to hit the girl. She puts up with it because she has a need to be with the boy and she believes it is part of the relationship. The fact that she is being beaten by her boyfriend makes it hard to deal with and even harder to report.

Another reason the victim may decide to remain quiet is that she is afraid of humiliation, or worse, being blamed. Here is one women's story of her encounter with violence:

"I was frightened by a noise behind me and quickly turned. My fear abated when I recognized the man who had entered the stables. He was the one who taught me how to ride. My safety was put in his hands many times and I trusted him. But today, I could tell he was angry with me. He didn't say anything, just grabbed me and threw me to the floor.

"Footsteps came moments later and I was released. One of the hardest parts was facing people the next day, lying about where the marks on my wrists and neck came from.

"When I finally trusted someone enough to tell him the truth, he asked me if I was sure I hadn't 'asked for it?' I think that hurt more than anything else. After that, I knew I didn't want anyone else to know."

Vivian Cattaneo of Hiatus House, a refuge for battered women, says the average woman is assaulted 35 times before she complains to the police, who now lay charges even if the woman does not. Abuse is a violent crime and breaking the silence is just one way people will become educated on the issue. Across the country seminars and meetings are being held to make the public more aware of the problem of violence against women.

Statistics Canada shows that a woman is assaulted every five minutes and raped every 17 minutes. The survivors of abuse try to cope with their experience in frightening ways such as suicide attempts, self injury, and violent crimes. Many cannot continue to work due to flashbacks and eventually end up on welfare. The healing process can sometimes take years and involves extensive counselling.

There is help and hope for battered and abused women in Canada. Twenty years ago there were no shelters for these women. Today there are about 300 shelters and safe houses across the country to protect women from the violent attacks of husbands and boyfriends.

Now that's a hat!

Students build hat for display

History proves that fashions tend to repeat themselves: But will a Victorian hat come back in style?

This Victorian hat is so big that if someone tried to wear it today, the wearer would have "problems getting into a car, bus, or even getting past the security system at an airport," Carol Timm, fashion arts instructor, said.

Second year fashion students were involved with Jaymee Nesbitt in the designing of a Victorian hat, which will be featured in the musical event, David Sagert, to be performed at the Medival Theatre at Ridley College, St. Catharines.

It is a faithful representation of what women wore every day in the early 1800s. Made from buckrum, gold lamay, silk roses, feathers, birds sequins and other odds and ends, it portrays an age of wealth and confidence. Even live birds were sometimes used in the design.

Jaymee Nesbitt, a staff member at Ridley College, and designer and owner of Classic Window and Store Design, St. Catharines, volunteered his time to help the students create the massive hat.

This hat will be complemented by an umbrella and bristle both designed with roses, pearls and sequins.

Nancy Taslis, a second-year Fashion Arts student, models this "heavy, awkward" Victorian hat.

Photo by Troy Clarke

Assault prevention April 14

The Niagara College Security Committee has organized a free introductory session on Women's Assault Prevention presented by John Hosegrove from Simple Defense in St. Catharines.

The 45-minute seminar will be held in the Hamilton Room at the Welland Campus on Tuesday, April 14, at 12:30 p.m.

For more information contact Chris Smith in the SAC office.

3rd annual seafood banquet

Mouth-watering whole lobster, snow crab and oysters will be some of the features of The Great Seafood Extravaganza.

The dinner will be held at the Victoria Park Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. today in Niagara Falls. The dinner is sponsored by the Niagara College Foundation to raise money for the Hospitality and Tourism Centre.

"This is the third time we've had this dinner, but this year there are new things going on, like door prizes and entertainment," Larry Naftulin, vice-president and chief executive officer of the foundation, said.

The desert table will be prepared by the students at the Niagara Falls campus. Bill Steven's Dixieland Band will provide the entertainment. Tickets cost $75 per person and tax receipts will be issued. For tickets or more information contact Anne Rumble, Foundation Office (416) 641-2252, ext. 4022

Corrections

In the report "Elvis times five, mirror memories" which ran in The Niagara News Friday, March 27, 1992 on page 19. Additional information should have been included.

Ted Meers, father of Margaret Meers, reported the Little Elvis benefit event in February did not raise any monies for a scholarship fund for Meer's son. After expenses of arranging and promoting were tallied the benefit actually lost $1,600.

The Health Care Aide program is at the Mount Carmel Campus in Niagara Falls, not at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls as mentioned in the March 27 edition of the Niagara News.

Sandy Blacquiere ia a long term care co-ordinator at the Welland County General Hospital, not the head nurse at the Niagara General Hospital as mentioned in the March 27 edition of the Niagara News.

Up, up, up and away- or not dream that never happened

By KARLA SCHINDEL
Staff Writer

It has been my unique desire for quite some time to sail across the sky in a hot air balloon — if you knew me this wouldn't sound too bizarre. I have always had a fetish for balloons of all kinds and the thought of breath-taking views and feelings of serenity and the pure joy of flying, just about overwhelmed me.

One afternoon, as I casually thumbed through the yellow pages, the bold print of Great Lakes Balloon Co. caught my attention. I was elated to find that somewhere close by provided my great escape. It was across the border in Buffalo, NY.

I called the number and armed myself with all the information I needed before approaching a friend with my sales pitch.

Kim, my unsuspecting pal, didn't have a chance. She was defenceless against my enthusiasm and agreed to fork over her half of the $250 (U.S.) it would cost the two of us to go up. Her $125 was sent ahead by money order as a deposit. I know - bad move.

The week-and-a-half leading up to our flight date was filled with excitement and preparation and friends, seemingly driven by the devil himself,kept telling us every horror story relating to ballooning known to man.

"Your're going hot air ballooning? Really. My aunt went ballooning last year and almost fell to her death. She managed to grab on to the basket in the nick of time, but she broke her arm and the balloon company sued her for damaging their basket."

Kim and I, now equipped with unshakeable confidence, waited for the confirmation call on a beautiful, calm, sunny day. We waited, and waited, and waited.

Having great faith in human nature I suggested Grace, the balloon owner, simply forgot to call and that we should go as planned. I was wrong. Once we arrived at the Great Lakes Balloon Co. we were taken somewhat aback that it was located inside a small private home. The only clue that it was, indeed, the balloon company was a folk art wood carving of a hot air balloon on the front of the house.

Still, with great faith I marched to the back door. But now it was Grace who was taken aback in wonderment of who we were.Good ole Grace did not forget to call, she forgot we were coming.

"I'm sarry!" she repeated again and again in her abhorrent Buffalonian accent.

With Grace steadily stealing our confidence, we could now only cross our fingers that the balloon itself was not made at a quilting bee.

Putting our doubts aside, we decided to give Grace a second chance and arranged another flight date. This was primarily so that we would not lose our deposit money.

A couple more dates came and were cancelled because of unsuitable weather conditions. It was only these days, when it was obvious, that Grace phoned to confirm we were not going up. However, her phoning started to rebuild our trust. Little did we know that it was part of her evil plan.

Finally, a day had come that Kim and I considered to be perfect. Once again we prepared and once again we waited...and waited...and waited. I couldn't help but notice a pattern.

Perhaps my unique desire is just not meant to be. Perhaps I should rethink the importance of this goal. Perhaps I should report Grace to the Better Business Bureau!

But wait! This may actually be a blessing. I would hate to be in a balloon suspended hundreds of feet above the ground only to have Grace recall that it is her husband, not her, that should be piloting the balloon.

This is something to think about!

Clinic at Grantham YWCA gives free stress tests

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

Back pain? Tension? Feeling exhausted?

A health assessment clinic at the Grantham YMCA was designed to cope with these problems March 26. It offered free stress testing.

Dr. Anthony Giallonardo, chiropractor, donated his time to conduct the tests. A questionnaire was answered to determine if there was a potential problem; blood pressure was taken and a short series of tests carried out by the doctor. A computer test, the *Electromyograph Report,* printed out the problems specific to the person being tested.

"You don't have to wait for pain to have a problem," said Dr. Giallonardo.

Toni Luciani, first-year nursing student from Niagara College. conducted the blood pressure testing. Few attended the series of clinics conducted in conjunction with the MED'CARE program. The first five were conducted in the larger downtown centre.

Willa LaMothe, a member of the Y, was the first to be tested. She knew of the service ahead of time as interested members were given a folder on the subject. Jane Harris, also a member, just happened in, although she received previous notice.

The testing was free of charge. Participants were encouraged to make an appointment with a doctor if a problem was found. This, too, was free.

"We ask that they make a small donation, between $5 and $20." Normal cost for patients is $50. The proceeds are donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

"Stress attacks the nervous system," Dr. Giallonardo said.

Opening of new age park will provide jobs

By KARLA SCHINDEL
Staff Writer

The opening of a $1.5 billion theme park in Niagara Falls will create countless job opportunities for Niagara College students.

Maharashi Veda Land, the brain child of Transcendental Meditation leader Maharashi Mahesh Yogi and Canadian magician Doug Henning should open in about 18 months, offering as many as 5,000 jobs.

"There is hardly a program that wouldn't benefit from it," says Janet Forfar, career services officer, Co-operative Education and Career Services department.

"I'm sure it would be of particular interest to tourism and hospitality students."

The New Age theme park will stay open year round providing excellent co-op opportunities during the school year and student employment opportunities during the summer, she said.

But the theme park is not welcomed by everybody. Most local clergy and other members of the Christian community are responding negatively to the proposal.

Fraser Churchill, of Operation Mobilization, a worldwide Christian evangelical group with its international headquarters in Port Colborne, warns, "this is not the yuppie-type of New Age, this is the Hindu New Age movement."

"New Age religion is a joke as far as I'm concerned," he said. "It's just a conglomeration of human speculation, whereas Christianity is bound in history."

Magician Doug Henning describes Veda Land as a project in tune with nature, beauty, peace and spiritualism.

The development will cover 1,400 acres, straddling the Welland River, bordered on the west by the Queen Elizabeth Way, and by Lyons Creek Road on the south.

The theme park will combine Mr. Henning's illusions with new entertainment technologies, including the world's first levitating building.

In addition to the theme park, the site will combine a health centre, a peace tower, conference centres, hotels, residential housing and a university.

Brock University officials are not concerned about the potentially larger university opening up on their turf.

"People are very interested in a reputation of a university and the value of its credentails," Brock president Terry White said. "Most people would contiue to attend a conventional university like Brock."

Mayor Wayne Thomson is confident Veda Land will become a reality and boost Niagara's slumping economy.

"Niagara Falls desperately needs another attraction. What this can do for the economy of Niagara Falls can't be imagined right now," Mr. Thomson said.

Still, Mr. Churchill warns, "Just because something might be good for the economy doesn't mean it's good for the soul."

End of an era?

Fort Erie race track may close

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

"They're at the post. Uh, they're off."

The familiar call of Fort Erie Race Track announcer Darryl Wells Jr. might not be heard for much longer, not at the border oval at least.

On March 22, the Fort Erie Race Track opened its 95th consecutive season of horse racing with the intertrack broadcast of races from Greenwood, in Toronto. Unfortunately, this could be Fort Erie's last season.

The Ontario Jockey Club, which has owned the track since 1952, could shut down the track after this racing season. The club has been unable to find a suitable candidate to buy the financially troubled track. It has had unsuccessful talks with provincial and local government officials to try to come up with a solution.

Herb McGirr Sr., Fort Erie horse trainer and resident, heads a group of concerned local citizens who would like to ensure that Fort Erie's track remains open for years to come. Prospects, however, don't look good.

Further complicating matters is the fact that Ontario's New Democratic Party, in an effort to ease the burden of budget deficits, plans to open government-run casinos in Niagara Falls.

Dave Gorman, club vice-president and general manager of the Fort Erie track, is convinced that the advent of government-run casinos would deal a crushing blow to Ontario's $2-billion horse racing business.

Especially at risk, Mr. Gorman said, is the Fort Erie track and its many jobs. He cited the failures of race tracks in Atlantic City, N.J., and Las Vegas, Nev., as proof that Fort Erie's track couldn't co-exist with area casinos.

The announcement by the Ontario government that it plans to open casinos, even if they never do, will probably greatly hamper the club in its efforts to find a buyer or suitable solution for the track. No one wants to even think about trying to compete with a casino for gambling dollars.

Mr. Gorman said, "The licensing of 40,000 slot machines would suck up every quater in the province in a short time."

The Fort Erie Race Track was opened on June 16, 1897. The years have brought many changes, including the construction of the grandstand which accommodates 7,200 spectators, and the club house which holds and additional 1,400 people.

Americans have been Fort Erie's main patrons since the early days when they accounted for roughly 90 per cent of the track's 3,000 person daily attendance.

In 1978, before Fort Erie's A Meet was cancelled, attendance figures were at an all-time high of slightly over 6,600.

Live racing begins April 26. But if you plan to attend the track only once, wait until the summer months when Fort Erie's gorgeous infield will be in full bloom.

As usual, the highlight of Fort Erie's live racing season will be the $200,000 Prince of Wales Stakes, the second jewel of Canadian thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown. It will be held this year on July 26.

The Prince of Wales affords Fort Erie handicappers one of the few changes to see the best Canadian-bred horses.

In the early 1980's, the club began shortening the length of Fort Erie's A Meet, which involved mainly horsemen, jockeys and horses from the two tracks in Toronto. Fort Erie's meet now consists of a B Meet, which uses less talented horses and has much smaller purses.

It is still possible to wager on the best Canadian horses by attending one of Fort Erie's two intertrack sessions, which sandwich the season's live racing meet. The first one began March 22 and will run until April 25. The second will begin Oct. 28 and run until Dec. 8.

In an effort to increase the track's attendance, the club's officials are offering exchange rates on American money this year for the first time in the track's history. Mr. Gorman doesn't look at his job as that of a babysitter. Although there are no new developments to make Fort Erie's future any brighter, Mr. Gorman said management had pledged to put its best efforts into making this year a success.

The thought of never again hearing Darryl Wells Jr. say, "The results of the seventh race are now official," is a sad one for me. Especially when I consider some of the winning tickets I've had when he's made that announcement in the past. All I can do is enjoy my time this summer at the Fort Erie Race Track and hope that a buyer is found.

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Sports

Junior Hockey player dreams of making it to the big league

By LLOYD ABBS
Staff Writer

He shoots, he scores, and the Buffalo Sabres win the Stanley Cup!

This is one man's dream of scoring the cup-winning goal: a dream of playing for the Buffalo Sabres; a dream of making the National Hockey League.

This man is Shawn Noble, a junior hockey player.

Shawn (The Crusher) Noble, as he's called by his teammates, has been a junior hockey player for four years. Within that time, he's been traded three times and, in 1990, he was drafted by the Peterborough Petes of the Ontario Hockey League.

Shawn started playing hockey at age 5 and throughout his time as a player he has grown both in size and smarts.

"I remember the first time Shawn ever laced up his skates, his father Al said. "He used to think he was the best damn skater on the team. He wasn't bad but he sure as hell wasn't the best."

In the early years, Shawn won numerous awards, including the Most Valuable Player award in Pee-wee hockey, a league strictly for players between ages 9 and 11. He's been a team captain on four of the teams he's played for and assistant captain on several others.

"Shawn has always said he enjoys playing," his dad said. "Never once did he complain about going to the rink. He's lucky because if he ever did, he wouldn't be playing now. That's the kind of determination which makes the difference between a pro and a minor leaguer."

A graduate of Confederation Secondary school in Val Caron, Ont., Shawn works part-time and takes night courses at Cambrian College in Sudbury. He enjoys working out and can bench close to 350 pounds.

His big break came in the summer of 1990 when the Peterborough Petes drafted him in the third round, 35th overall.

Shawn went to the Petes training camp in the fall of '90 and put up some impressive numbers. In eight exhibition games, he amassed one goal and seven assists. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to earn a spot on one of the best defences in the league. The Petes sent him to Welland for another season of junior, and when the following fall came, Shawn was notified that Peterborough wasn't going to be inviting him to this season's training camp.

"I was disappointed and a little angry, too," Shawn says. "I felt I should've made the team last year and now they (the Petes) aren't even going to give me a second chance. I really can't believe it."

Together, Shawn and his father worked to get Peterborough to cancel his contract. After constant harassment, the Petes finally agreed. Shawn is now a free-agent of sorts, available to any junior team that was interested. Hours later, the phone rang at the Nobles' home.

"It was the Knights, I told Shawn," his mother said. The Knights wanted Shawn to come to camp but were giving him a slim chance of making the team. Shawn said, "thanks but no thanks."

That following season, Shawn moved to Cambridge to play in one of the many Metro-Toronto leagues. After a mediocre season, he moved back to Val Caron.

"I might as well play junior here," Shawn said. "This is a hockey town."

So that brings him to now. Shawn's playing defence for the Rayside-Balfour Canadiens of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League. The Canadiens are the favorites to win the championship.

"Shawn's a big defenceman who doesn't run from anyone," says his coach Rick Moran. "Shawn has proven to be a vital part in our drive to the championship."

So it's another year of junior for The Crusher and it's another year of waiting for the phone to ring. "I'm not worried, I'm still young and strong and I've got plenty of hockey left in me," Shawn says.

His dream: basketball

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The stadium is packed with 20,000 screaming fans. He gets the pass at mid-court and teammates clear out for a one-on-one confrontation. The shot clock winds down. He fakes left and drives right, passing the defender. As he reaches the foul line he begins to elevate. Hanging through the air he cups the ball in his hand and throws it through the hoop. He is left hanging on the rim, completing the slam dunk.

At this point most amateur basketball players wake up. After all, dunking a basketball is a skill only the great athletes have. Players under six feet tall can only perform this move on the 8-foot nets of the local school yard. Richard Storey, 5'10, is the exception to the rule.

Richard dreams of playing Division 1 basketball at an American college. He realizes this is a longshot, but if he continues to work hard and his quick success continues it is a possibility.

For now he can only dream of playing in front of a packed auditorium. He must be content with playing in the driveway, dominating invisible defenders and dodging parked cars while driving to the basket. With his quick success and his determination perhaps Richard will one day live his dream.

He was born in England and came to Canada as a young child. He was introduced to the game at age 12 but did not begin playing competitively until a year ago at age 16. It is amazing that a player can have the great leaping skills after playing for such a short time.

He has a collection of basketball videos, usually starring his favorite player, Michael Jordan. He has watched them so many times that he memorized the dialogues.

His room is wallpapered with posters of National Basketball Association stars. Richard cuts out the best pictures from Sports Illustrated to be pasted on the wall of fame, his closet door.

Other than his dedication and love for the game Richard is a typical teenager. His mother is constantly pleading to get him to clean his room.

He has the confidence and dedication to move to a higher level.

Athletes of the Year: Weller and Suenga

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

Paul Weller and Tracey Suenga came out of the 23rd annual sports banquet as the big winners, capturing the male and female athlete of the year awards. The banquet was held at the Americana Hotel in Niagara Falls Tuesday, March 31.

Paul led the men's basketball team to a 9-3 record in the west division. He took the scoring championship in Division 2 play with an average of 23 points per game.

Tracey was the leader of the women's volleyball team and the team's number one setter. She ran the offence from her postition and did a great job both on and off the court.

Niagara saluted the top freshman athletes of the year. Capturing the awards this year were Greg Heyder and Tracey Nieson.

Greg was captain of the men's volleyball team which captured the bronze medal in Division 2 play. He played the game with determination and leadership which rubbed off on the other members of the team.

Tracey was the vice-skip on the Ontario College Athletic Association gold-winning mixed curling team. A skilled and capable curler, she has been labelled as a team player.

Financial scholarships were handed out to athletes who excelled in the arena and in the classroom. The scholarships were presented by Eric Hitchcock, Student Administrative Council president. Receiving this year's scholarships were Mike Ticknovich, hockey; Sue DenBesten, women's volleyball; Merv Wrighton, men's basketball, and Fernando Colavecchia, men's volleyball.

Smith, SAC vice-president athletics, presented the athlete of distinction award given to athletes who have at least two years of participating in sports at the college. This year's recipients were John Savorie, Simon Wayda, Mike Duerden, and Mike Ticknovich. All four are members of the championship-winning men's hockey team.

Most valuable player of the year awards were handed out in four sports.

Sheryl Tremblav took the honors in women's volleyball. She was one of the major blockers on the team and the most consistent hitter throughout the year.

The men's volleyball award went to Fernando Colavecchia as he led the Knights to the bronze medal with an average of 20 kills per match throughout the season. He intimidated the opposition's blockers and spikers with his lengthy read over the net.

The versatile Rick Sinclair received the men's basketball award for his leadership and ability to play the point guard and power forward positions. He averaged 17 points per game and was selected as an all-star at the final four playoffs in Kingston.

Men's hockey coach Fred Bassie had the toughest decision to make bacause of the loads of talent on this year's club. He selected Jim Thorpe and Jason Disher for their offernsive contributions in leading the team to the championship.

Thorpe was second in league scoring with 36 points and had a league high 27 assists. Disher finished third in league scoring with 35 points and was selected a first team all-star in the ICHL. Both players were on the Knights highest scoring line along with Rick Ryan.

Each player on each varsity team received a Niagara College pin and members of various teams collected letters.

This year's golf team, coached by Peter Rylander, placed third in the province in a field of 15 entries. Chris Wilson finished third in the province in the male's singles event.

The touch football team placed third in the regionals and had seven players receive letters. The players were Ron Bonaldo, Winston Grosse, Jason Kish, Jason Metcalf, Gord Orcutt, Mike Robinson, and Darren Sawyer. Mr. Rylander presented the players with their letters.

Badminton coach Dave Carpenter acknowledged his team's effort this year and is expecting bigger and better things next season. Sean Ellis was the team's shining light as he placed third in the province and received a letter for his accomplishment. Others receiving letters were Wayne Middlestead, Michelle Hall, Steve Pearce, and Barry Wills.

Indoor soccer was co-coached by Steve Celestini and Ed Fox. Mr. Fox described their season as a major turn-around from last year and expects to field a competitive team next year. The team finished fourth in the regionals and had four members receive letters. The players were Leo Mooney, Len Camelino, Sal Iamarino, and Mike Timpano.

The mixed curling team had a successful campaign finishing first in the province. This year's team, co-coached by Bob Young and Bill Bender, had one member claim a letter. Greg Upshall was the lone curler to receive a letter.

Seven members of the men's hockey team received letters. They were John Savorie, Tom Landry, Rob Hoath, Simon Wayda, Chris Korpinchick, Mike Deurden, and Mike Ticknovich.

Among those in attendance was John Saso, college president, who had nothing but praise for all the people who worked hard to make the sports departrment at Niagara successful. He said he was proud of all the athletes at the college.

"What you do now and what you do later will make us proud," he said.

Cadillac top prize in college invitational

A '92 Cadillac Sedan de Ville is the top prize for a hole-in-one at the second annual Niagara College Invitational Golf Tournament May 21 at Whirlpool Golf Course in Niagara Falls. Other prizes for holes-in-one are a four-day golf vacation in Florida, a set of golf clubs and air transportation on American Airlines to any city in North America.

The funds raised from the tournament will go towards the purchase of computers and books for the college Learning Resource Centre.

After golf there will be a gourmet awards banquet at the Victoria Park Restaurant.

The fee for the tournament is $150 which includes 18 holes, an electric golf cart and prizes. Golfers will receive a color photo of themselves and their foursome. All players will receive a $75 tax receipt.

Registration is limited to 144 golfers. Deadline for registration is April 24. For more information, contact Anne Rumble at 641-2252, extension 4022.

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Apply now jobs offered 1992-1993

Applications for positions in the After Hours Student Centre for the 1992-1993 school year are available from Donna Flutur, student centre manager. Her office is in the Student Centre.

Ms. Flutur is unable to give any information regarding what positions are availble, or what the pay scale will be. Applicants will be informed at a later date.

Applications must be completed and returned to Ms. Flutur by April 24, 1992.

Sports

Duncan Warrener, of the BillBoard Skimboard Corporation, carves it up in a large puddle on the Delhi Golf and Country Club. The skimboarders are sticking to smaller bodies of water until Lake Erie warms up.

Photo by Mike Helmer

California sport

Here comes Skimboarding

By DUNCAN WARRENER
Staff Writer

"Ninety-nine per cent of the time we don't know what we're doing. The other one per cent we're going on instinct."

You would think that a company with a business plan like this would fall completely to pieces. Strangely enough, BillBoards Skimboard Corporation thrives on this sort of twisted philosophy.

Skimboarding is a sport which is relatively new to Canada, although it has been around for some time in California. Its closest relatives are surfing and skateboarding. Skimboards, shaped like surfboards, are much smaller, about the size of a coffee table.

Skimming consists of running along the beach and jumping on the board after the breaking wave has washed over the sand. Many different tricks can be done by carving or jumping off waves. Good balance is an essential quality for skimboarding.

BillBoards began its life as a company in the early months of 1991. Mike Helmer, one of four founding members, puts it simply, "We started making skimboards because we couldn't afford them. Gradually, we just began to sell them to friends."

Mike, with Ron Smith, Jay Brown and myself, are the founders of the company.

As with starting any business, there have been problems. One of the biggest has been the lack of capital. Lack of organization and time also hamper the production of boards.

Billboards are made from wood, fiberglass, cloth and resin. The boards are constructed by hand and carefully painted.

Mike does most of the painting of the boards. He is taking art in college and likes experimenting with different graphics. He has been skimming for only a year, but has a strong skateboarding background which allowed him to learn quickly. Mike likes to point out that what the company does isn't difficult.

"Anybody can do what we do. But they don't because we got the looks and brains."

Jay Brown wanted to "heighten the sport of skimboarding" with the company. Happily for Jay, this has been accomplished. More and more people are seen wandering beaches with a skimboard. Jay said he finds that being associated with the company adds to his popularity with women. He is always ready to give a free lesson to adoring fans. Jay has been skimming the longest of the partners and it shows.

"The perfect skim spot? Well, it would have to be a clean beach with drop-offs, flats and waves. Crowds would actually be better because then we could make lots of money." Ron Smith, who shapes boards and designs ads, is happy just as long as he has his board and is somewhere "establishing the company name."

As the promotional manager for BillBoards, it's my job to sell boards and to promote the company name. It may not sound as difficult as building or painting the boards, but it is actually time-consuming. The job is enjoyable though, because I like nothing better than interacting with people. Ron once said that he "enjoys nothing more than seeing Duncan going into one of his selling pitches."

Skimboarding can be done just about anywhere there is water. The company has skimmed on flooded lawns, on golf courses, in ditches as well as at the beach. The BillBoards group usually may be found at three main beaches near Delhi, where the company is based. These beaches are in Port Dover, Long Point and Turkey Point.

As much as BillBoards would like to become a multi-million dollar business, its principals are concerned with "hitting the beach for a good skim. I mean, isn't that what it's all about?"

The future looks bright for the BillBoards Skimboard Corporation. A reputable skateboard store in Brantford is looking into carrying the boards for the summer. BillBoards is also selling clothing emblazoned with the company logo.

If you see a bogus-looking dude with a gnarly board pulling three-foot airs off some kickers this summer, don't be afraid. It will just be BillBoards doing what they love best. Introduce yourself, because, as Ron says with a sly smile, "We love to meet new and interesting people."

[Interpretation: If you see a guy in wild shorts with a skimboard jumping three feet in the air off a breaking wave don't be frightened of him. It will be one of us, having fun. Come, say hello, because we like to make new friends and we won't bite.]

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Golf course preview for upcoming season

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The school year is coming to a close. Warm weather should be just around the corner. Birds are beginning to return from their winter migrations.

The 1992 golf season will soon be under way at local courses. It is time to put to use new techniques learned from practising on the living room floor over the winter. Here is a preview of some of the area courses.

WHIRLPOOL

Whirlpool was listed in Golf Digest's Places to Play 1992 edition. It features elevated tees and scenic views of the Niagara River gorge. Whirlpool is an 18-hole, par 72 course. It has a dining room and pro shop on the grounds. Power carts are available at a cost of $27. You can work on your game by hitting balls in the practice fairway and consulting the course pro, Larry Gibson. Green fees for 18 holes are $29. Whirlpool is located along the Niagara Parkway in Niagara Falls. A golfer's summer would not be complete without a visit to Whirlpool.

PENINSULA LAKES

Peninsula Lakes is located on Cream Road in Pelham. This par 71, 18-hole course features many lakes and sandtraps. The course has been lengthened by 1,000 yards this year. Allan Billyard is the pro. There is a pro shop, dining room and driving range at the course and power carts are available. This course is always kept in excellent condition. Prices for the '92 season have not been determined.

ROCKWAY GLEN

Rockway Glen is a links style course in its second year. Located on Ninth Street in St. Catharines, this course claims to have the best greens in the area. Water comes into play on 11 of 18 holes on this par 72 course. A round of 18 holes is priced at $25, but Rockway Glen is offering a special five rounds for $100. The course has a driving range, pro shop, power carts and a dining room. The pro at Rockway Glen is John Mcgraw.

WELLAND GOLF CLUB

Welland Golf Club on Webber Road is more challenging this year. More sand traps and trees have been added to the par 71, 18-hole course. Prices for 18 holes are $18 weekdays and $23 on weekends. A full membership is $775 and a weekday membership is $575. Students over age 18 may get a weekday membership for $400. The Welland Golf Club has dining fascilities, power carts, a pro shop and a driving range.

ICC

The International Country Club of Niagara has three nine-hole courses. Par for 18 holes in 72. The course on College Road, in Stevensville, has 70 power carts available. They have a driving range, pro shop and dining facilities. Eighteen holes cost $17.50 on weekdays and $20 on weekends. An adult membership is $550 and a junior membership (under 18 years) is $200. The pro at the International Country Club is Rob Dunn.

WILLO-DELL

Willo-Dell Country Club, Willo-Dell Road off Lyons Creek Road, Niagara Falls, provides a challenge for both expert golfers and weekend duffers. The course has always been kept in excellent condition and this year it has bought new equipment to keep this tradition. The price for 18 holes on the par 72 course is $22 on weekdays and $25 on weekends. Memberships are limited and almost filled. Willo-Dell is capable of seating 100 people in the dining room. Pro John White will help improve your game. The course has a pro shop, driving range and power carts.

RIVERVIEW

Located on Regional Road 24 in Pelham, Riverview Golf Club has 18 holes and is a par 72. They added a new driving and practice green to the course this year. Power carts are available and there is a pro shop and dining room. On weekdays 18 holes is $18. On weekends the price is $23. A full membership can be bought for $775 while a weekday membership is $575.

ROLLING MEADOWS

Rolling Meadows on Montrose Road in Niagara Falls, is a par 70, 18-hole course. This year they added 1,000 trees to the course. The price for 18 holes during the week is $20 and on weekends $24. The pro at Rolling Meadows is Tony Evershed. You can work on your game at the driving range and putting green, which has a greenside sand trap. Memberships are $695 for a full adult, $250 for a student and $100 for a junior membership. Rolling Meadows has a dining room pro shop and power carts are available.

Most of the courses require tee times in the busy summer months. During this time it is wise to call ahead at any course to insure a starting time. All courses should be open by mid-April, but most of the courses are just waiting for good weather.

Among the other courses in the area, Sawmill Golf Course, RR3, Vineland, is a course worth the trip. In the Niagara Falls area, other courses include Beechwood and Niagara Falls Golf Club. Queenston and St. David's golf courses are nine-hole courses which offer a good value.

In Port Colborne there is a Whiskey Run Club on Highway 3 and Port Colborne Country Club, which is semi-private.

The Master's tournament at Augusta, Georgia, coming up Aug. 9 means golfers will be getting golf fever. This preview gives the golfer a guide for the summer.

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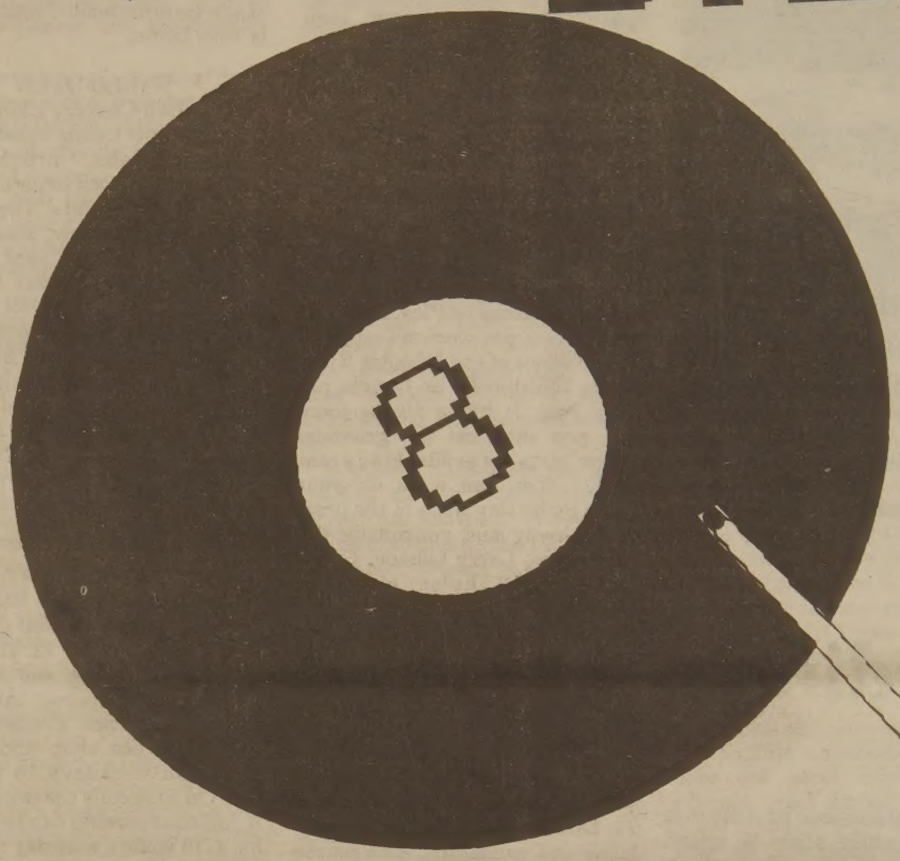

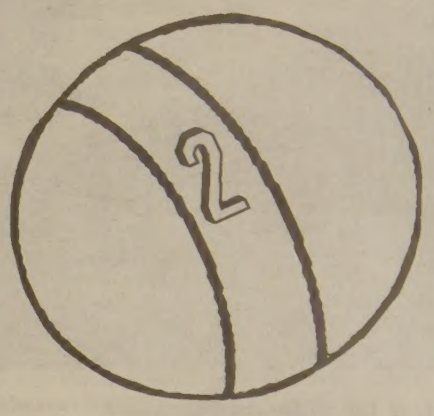

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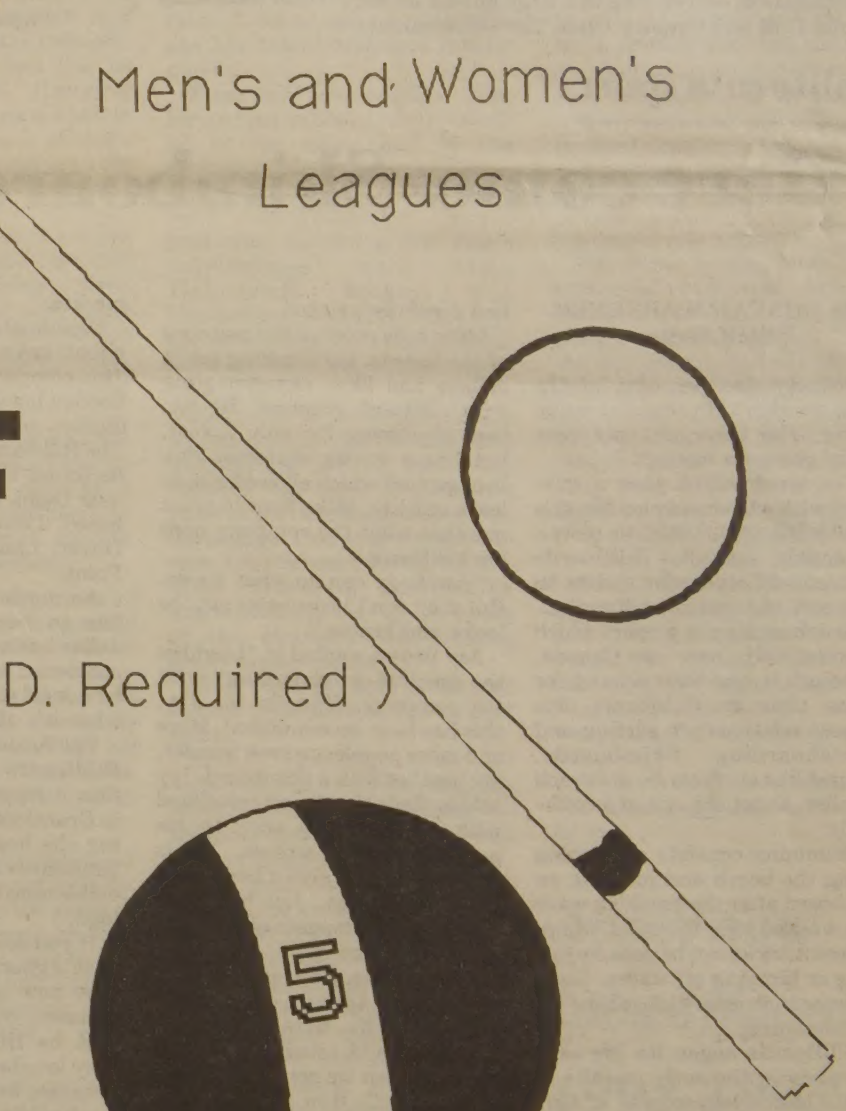

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